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# MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

# TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

COLLEGE CHAPEL, GASTON HIGH SCHOOL,

DALLAS, GASTON CO., N. C.,

NOVEMBER 6-9, 1886.

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## OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT—REV. R. A. YODER.....Newton, N. C.
SECRETARY—REV. J. PAUL STIREWALT.....New Market, Va.
COR. SECRETARY—REV. A. L. CROUSE.....Waynesboro, Va.
TREASURER—REV. J. K. EFIRD.....Rightwell, S. C.
TREAS. BENEFICIARY FUND—REV. J. C. MOSER.....Conover, N. C.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

**On Missions.**

REVS. R. H. CLINE, P. C. WIKE, AND A. COSTNER, ESQ.

**On State of the Church.**

REVS. J. PAUL STIREWALT, J. C. MOSER, E. L. LYBRAND, AND MR. J. T. MILLER.

**On Examination.**

REVS. P. C. HENKEL, D. D., A. L. CROUSE, PROF. M. L. LITTLE, J. PAUL STIREWALT, J. K. EFIRD, AND E. L. LYBRAND.

## PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

The next Convention will be held in Bethlehem congregation, Augusta County, Va., beginning on Saturday, 10 A. M., before the fourth Sunday in August, 1887.

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### FIRST SESSION.

COLLEGE CHAPEL, DALLAS, GASTON CO., N. C.,
NOVEMBER 6, 1886.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod convened in College Chapel, Dallas, N. C., on Saturday, 10 A. M., Nov. 6, 1886. Its sessions were continued till Tuesday, 5 P. M., Nov. 9, 1886.

The synodical sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. M. Smith, from Ps. 48, 12, 13.

Synod was formally opened, after recess, by the President.

### Clerical Roll.

| PASTORS. | POSTOFFICE. |
|---|---|
| Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D | Conover, N. C. |
| " J. R. Peterson | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D | New Market, Va. |
| " *H. Wetzel | Woodstock, Va. |
| " Prof. C. H. Bernheim | Conover, N. C. |
| " *D. Efird | Lexington, S. C. |
| " J. M. Smith | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle | Conover, N. C. |
| " ‡J. P. Smeltzer, D. D | Spring Hill, S. C. |

*Absent and excused. ‡Received at this meeting.

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| Rev. | *Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D. | Luray, Va. |
| " | I. Conder | McGaheysville, Va. |
| " | J. N. Stirewalt | Stony Man, Va. |
| " | M. L. Fox, M. D. | Sandy Creek, N. C. |
| " | A. L. Crouse | Waynesboro, Va. |
| " | J. P. Stirewalt | New Market, Va. |
| " | Prof. M. L. Little | Dallas, N. C. |
| " | Prof. J. C. Moser | Conover, N. C. |
| " | J. K. Efird | Rightwell, S. C. |
| " | J. A. Cromer | Columbia, S. C. |
| " | E. L. Lybrand | Summit Point, S. C. |
| " | R. A. Yoder | Newton, N. C. |
| " | Prof. J. S. Koiner | Conover, N. C. |
| " | *D. A. Sox | Edwardsville, Ala. |
| " | D. A. Goodman | Happy Home, N. C. |
| " | *J. W. Hausenfluck | Alma, Va. |
| " | Prof. W. P. Cline | Fair Grove, N. C. |
| " | D. J. Suttlemyer | Hickory, N. C. |
| " | J. A. Rudisill | Jug Town, N. C. |
| " | R. H. Cline | China Grove, N. C. |
| " | †P. C. Wike | Tom's Brook, Va. |
| " | ‡D. C. Huffman | Hickory, N. C. |

## Candidates for the Ministry.

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| Prof. J. F. Moser | Conover, N. C. |
| A. L. Sigmon | Conover, N. C. |
| D. I. Offman | New Market, Va. |

## Beneficiaries.

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| J. P. Price | Conover, N. C. |
| W. L. Darr | Conover, N. C. |
| D. M. Moser | Conover, N. C. |
| A. L. Bolick | |
| N. G. Deal | Conover, N. C. |

Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election, and their names were enrolled as members of Synod.

*Absent and excused. †Ordained—‡Received at this meeting.

## Lay-Delegates.

Mr. C. M. Efird—Zion, St. Peter's, (Meetze's) Emmanuel's, and St. Andrew's, S. C.

Lewis Shealey—St. Paul's, Cedar Grove, St. James', S. C.

P. S. Fulmer—St. Peter's, (P. W.) St. John's, S. C.

D. G. Whites—St. Jacob's, Bethlehem, St. Thomas', S. C.

Wm. Curry—Mt. Holly, N. C.

C. R. Rinck—Friendship, N. C.

D. P. Boger—St. Martin's, N. C.

Silas Smyre—St. James', N. C.

James A. Lore—Grace, N. C.

W. A. Mooney—St. Matthew's, N. C.

J. F. Moser—Concordia, N. C.

F. J. Dellinger—St. John's, N. C.

F. L. Herman—St. Paul's, N. C.

Peter Little—St. Peter's, N. C.

J. T. Miller—St. Stephen's, N. C.

W. M. Deitz—Zion, N. C.

L. M. Reinhardt—Sardis, N. C.

F. P. Moser—Bethel, N. C.

H. L. Conrad—Pilgrim, N. C.

Haley Myers—Emmanuel's, N. C.

G. W. Beck—New Jerusalem, N. C.

J. D. Rudisill—St. Mark's, N. C.

J. F. Plonk—Philadelphia, N. C.

Jonathan Rhyne—Luther Chapel, N. C.

L. A. Throneburg—Antioch, N. C.

A. J. Jenkins—Christ, N. C.

L. M. Huffman—College Chapel, N. C.

J. A. Costner—Mt. Holly, N. C.

A. H. Lippard—Sharon, N. C.

W. I. Warren—St. Martin's, N. C.

A. C. McCaslin—Daniel's, N. C.

John Hoover—Trinity, N. C.

A. Costner—Salem, N. C.

R. B. Sullivan—Bethphage, N. C.

J. F. Helderman—St. Luke's, N. C.

J. B. Smith—Sharon, N. C.

Abram York—Melanchthon, N. C.

J. W. A. Efird—St. Martin's, N. C.

C. B. Sykes—Emmanuel, N. C.

B. F. Seagle—Holy Trinity, N. C.

Philip Killian—Bethlehem, Va.

P. C. Wike—St. Jacob's, Zion, St. Matthew's, St. Stephen's, Va.

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The President, Rev. J. M. Smith, then read his report, which was received and referred to the proper committee after its appointment.

## President's Report.

*Dear Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:*

In the good providence of God, we are spared to meet again in Synod. We are now in position to look back over one more synodical year gone. Its toils and labors are finished, the good and evil are on record.

In our retrospection to-day, we rejoice over the hours, days, months, well spent; and are made sad over the hours, days, and months unprofitably thrown away. Now that we are spared to meet again and see each other, let us thank God and take courage.

The year just gone over our heads has been a remarkable one. In its coming and going, it brought storms and floods, wet and dry, earthquakes and almost famine in divers places; yet all our Pastors are spared, and are actively standing upon the walls of Zion, ministering the Gospel and administering the Sacraments, to the salvation of multitudes of undying souls.

Our Pastors and our people have been spared and blessed, our churches are still improving, and hopes still grow brighter for our good and righteous cause, as we look forward. As we as a Synod have in their purest forms the Law, the Gospel, and the two Sacraments, which have long been ministered by the Pastors of our beloved Synod to the saving of many immortal souls, let us not abate in our devotion and zeal in the least in ministering the same, so that they shall come from the east, and west, and north, and south, and sit down in the Kingdom of God, with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. To strengthen each others hands and encourage each others hearts, to this end we are met.

During the year orders on the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund were furnished by me in favor of Synod's Beneficiaries, P. C. Wike, D. I. Offman, J. P. Price, W. L. Darr.

Theological student, P. C. Wike, completed his course in Concordia College, N. C., May, '86, received a call from vacant congregations in Virginia, accepted, and early in June went to this field of labor, and is now laboring with success among that people who appreciate his labors.

Some time last June, I was officially notified by the President of the South Carolina Synod, that the Rev. Dr. J. P. Smeltzer was dismissed from his connection with the South Carolina Synod to become a member of our Synod, and was cordially commended to our communion and love, by the President. This letter of dismission I herewith submit. It affords us much pleasure that the Dr. has accepted work in a vacant pastorate

of our Synod in South Carolina, and is ready to be one among us. I recommend that the needed steps be taken to his admission to membership in our Synod.

1. I recommend that Sunday-schools be organized in all our congregations and that sound Lutheran Literature be used.

2. I also recommend that Synod make strong efforts at this convention to put a traveling missionary into our field of home work. Untold good could be accomplished. Many are perishing for the want of the bread of life.

3. I also recommend that our people be advised to build no more union houses of worship, seeing the great annoyance and trouble growing thereout.

The consummation of the union of all Synods in the South at Roanoke City, sends a thrill of joy throughout all this Southern land. May this union be abundantly blessed with unity.

And now may the Great Head of the Church make us perfect in every good word and work. Amen. J. M. SMITH.

## Election of Officers.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was now held, which resulted in the choice of

Rev. R. A. Yoder, President.

Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Secretary.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, Cor. Secretary.

Rev. J. K. Efird, Treasurer.

On motion, Beneficiaries J. P. Price, W. L. Darr, and L. L. Lore were invited to seats within the bar of Synod.

The President now called for all letters, petitions, and papers designed for Synod. They were handed to the Secretary, and, after being classified, were passed to the proper committees.

After a recess of ten minutes, the President announced the following committees:

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. Dr. S. Henkel, J. K. Efird, L. A. Bikle, D. D., and Mr. C. M. Efird.

2. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, Prof. J. C. Moser, E. L. Lybrand, and Mr. J. T. Miller.

3. *On Examination.*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, Prof. M. L. Little, J. P. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

4. *On Ordination.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, C. H. Bernheim, J. N. Stirewalt, and T. Moser.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. I. Conder, J. A. Rudisill, and Mr. Silas Smyre.

6. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. W. P. Cline, Prof. J. S. Koiner, and Mr. Philip Killian.

7. *On Missions.*—Revs. R. H. Cline, P. C. Wike, and A. Costner, Esq.

8. *On Church Institutions.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., C. H. Bernheim, J. A. Cromer, and A. Costner, Esq.

9. *On Treasurer's Reports.*—Prof. J. F. Moser, Revs. D. A. Goodman, and M. L. Fox, M. D.

Synod adjourned to meet at 9 A. M., Monday. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

## SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, 9 A. M., NOV. 8, 1886.

Synod convened. Divine services were conducted by Rev. W. P. Cline. Roll called. Minutes of Saturday were read, received, and adopted.

### Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, submit the following:

(1) On page 8, we find delegates appointed to convention of Southern Diet. Did they attend?

(2) On page 10, we find a committee appointed, Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., J. M. Smith, and R. A. Yoder, to ordain brother R. H. Cline.—Was this done?

(3) On page 14, Rev. M. L. Fox was appointed as a committee, to collect funds and erect a suitable monument at the grave of Rev. Philip Henkel. Has this been done?

(4) Beginning on page 6 of report of Committee on President's report which was adopted, we find that our congregations were requested to contribute 12 cents *per capita*, for the support of a Theological Professor at Concordia College. Have the Pastors and Board of Trustees attended to this matter?

(5) On page 22, we notice that correspondent delegates were appointed to several Synods. Did these brethren attend to that business?

(6) On the same page, we find that Revs. P. C. Henkel and J. M. Smith were appointed to meet a similar committee from the S. C. Synod,

with reference to difficulties in St. John's congregation in South Carolina. What has the committee done?

(7) On page 16, we find that Secretary of Synod, Rev. R. A Yoder, was ordered to have one hundred copies of Ordination Certificates printed. Has this been done?

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLINE,
J. S. KOINER,
PHILIP KILLIAN.

The report was received and considered item by item.

Item 1. Complied with.

Item 2. Complied with, and Rev. R. H. Cline's name was ordered to be placed on the clerical roll.

Item 3. Partly complied with, and Committee continued with instructions to complete the work.

Item 4. Complied with in part, with reference to raising the funds.

Item 5. Complied with.

Item 6. The Committee was not called upon to report.

Item 7. Complied with.

The report was adopted as a whole.

## Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee on Examination, beg leave to submit that we have had an interview with Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., who brings an honorable dismission from the E. L. Synod of South Carolina, and recommend that he be received as a member of this Synod, and that his name be placed upon our clerical roll.

P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. K. EFIRD,
E. L. LYBRAND.

The report was received and adopted.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. K. Efird, read his report, which was received and referred to the proper committee.

## Treasurer's Report.

J. K. EFIRD IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| | | DR. | |
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| 1886. | | | |
| Nov. | 6. | To balance on hand from last year | $ 52 37 |
| 1885. | | | |
| Oct. | 31. | To amount paid in for minutes | 35 00 |
| Nov. | 3. | To amount received of H. A. Meetze for beneficiary education | 11 00 |
| Dec. | 1. | To amount received of Rev. I. Conder | 1 00 |
| " | 28. | To amount received of Rev. W. P. Cline | 2 80 |
| " | 29. | To amount for minutes | 12 70 |
| 1886. | | | |
| Feb. | 15. | To amount received of Rev. L. A. Bikle | 3 00 |
| Mar. | 6. | To amount received of Rev. R. H. Cline | 1 00 |
| " | 18. | To amount received of Rev. W. P. Cline | 15 |
| Jan. | 8. | To amount received for advertising | 7 00 |
| Jan. | 25. | To amount received of Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck | 75 |
| May | 13. | To amount received of Rev. J. R. Peterson | 40 |
| July | 5. | To amount received of Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge, for expenses to United Synod | 2 25 |
| July | 11. | To amount received of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge, for expenses to United Synod | 6 75 |
| July | 18. | To amount received of Zion's Church, S. C., for expenses to United Synod | 2 75 |
| Aug. | 1. | To amount received of St. Peter's (Meetze's) Church, S. C., for expenses to United Synod | 2 75 |
| Sept. | 15. | To amount received of Rev. J. P. Smeltzer's charge, for expenses to United Synod | 6 63 |
| Nov. | 5. | To amount received of Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge, for expenses to United Synod | 16 00 |
| | | | $164 30 |

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| 1885. | | | |
| Nov. | 3. | By amount paid H. A. Meetze, on expenses to E. L. Diet | $ 11 00 |
| " | 3. | By amount paid beneficiary fund by order of H. A. Meetze—vou. 3 | 11 00 |
| 1886. | | | |
| Jan. | 8. | By amount paid for publishing 1200 copies of E. L. Tenn. Synod Minutes | 54 50 |
| " | 8. | By amount paid for postage, &c | 7 00 |
| July | 27. | By amount paid for 100 ordination certificates —vou. 1 | 18 35 |

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| July | 27. | By amount paid Rev. R. A. Yoder, expenses as corresponding delegate—vou. 2..... | 5 00 |
| " | 5. | By amount paid Rev. A. L. Crouse, on exp's to United Synod—vou. minutes, p. 7, res. 2. | 4 15 |
| Aug. | 25. | By amount paid C. M. Efird, on expenses to United Synod—vou. minutes, p. 7, res. 2.... | 20 50 |
| Nov. | 5. | By Rev. E. L. Lybrand's expenses to United Synod—vou. minutes, p. 7, res. 2..... | 20 30 |
| " | 5. | By amount due the E. L. Tenn. Synod..... | 12 50 |
| | | | $164 30 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. EFIRD.

## Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

J. C. MOSER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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| To balance on hand as per report made to Synod, Nov. 3, 1885, —see minutes, pages 19 and 20..... | | | $ 10 60 |
| Nov. | 3. | To amt. from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge, Bethlehem | 20 00 |
| " | 3. | To amount from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge: St. Peter's, $10 31; Zion, $5 00; Bethlehem, $10 00; St. Andrew's, $3 00; Emmanuel, $3 25..... | 31 56 |
| " | 3. | To amount from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge, St. Peter's | 10 00 |
| " | 4. | To amount from Rev. D. A. Sox's, St. Michael's, Ala. | 2 10 |
| " | 4. | To amount from Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge: Cedar Grove, $7 00; St. James', $2 05:—January 24, 1886: St. Paul's, $5 00; St. James', $2 25..... | 16 30 |
| " | 4. | To amount from Rev. M. L. Fox's charge: Melanchthon's, $2 25; Coble's, $1 25; Mt. Pleasant, 75..... | 4 25 |
| " | 12. | To amount from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge: St. Stephen's, $6 00; Friendship, $3 37; Salem, $3 38. | 12 75 |
| " | 19. | To amount from Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge: St. Martin's, $5 25; Sharon, $5 74;—May 17, 1886: St. Martin's, $5 74; J. S. Koiner, $1 01..... | 17 74 |
| Dec. | 27. | To amount from Rev. J. C. Moser's charge: Holy Trinity, $10 00; Zion, $2 90; Newton, $5 00..... | 17 90 |
| 1886. | | | |
| Jan. | 6. | To amount from Rev. D. J. Settlemyer's charge: M. Star, $5 00; Emmanuel, $3 00; Mt. Moriah, $12 20; St. Mark's, $2 60..... | 22 80 |
| Feb. | 1. | To amount from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge: St. Paul's, $3 00; Bethel, $1 00..... | 4 00 |

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| Feb. 3. | To amount from Rev. S. Henkel, Asst. Treasurer..... | $11 65 |
| May 3. | To amount from Rev. W. P. Cline's charge..... | 13 00 |
| July 19. | To amount from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge: Sharon, $1 80; St. Luke's, $1 85; Mt. Holly, $4 65; Christ's, $12 45..... | 20 75 |
| July 24. | To amount from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge: St. James', $12 00; Grace, $3 00; Salem, $9 20..... | 24 20 |
| Sept. 4. | To amount from Philadelphia, Caldwell Co., N. C..... | 2 25 |
| Oct. 28. | To amount from Dr. S. Henkel, Asst. Treasurer..... | 21 35 |
| Nov. 2. | To amount from Rev. D. J. Settlemyer's charge: M. Star, $2 56; Emanuel, $2 35; Friendship, $4 03; Salem, $3 00..... | 11.94 |
| Nov. 4. | To amount from Maj. H. A. Meetze..... | 11 00 |
| | | $286 14 |

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| Nov. 28. | By cash to P. C. Wike..... | $ 30 00 |
| 1886. | | |
| Jan. 1. | " " " J. P. Price..... | 60 00 |
| Apr. 14. | " " " P. C. Wike..... | 30 00 |
| May 20. | " " " J. P. Price..... | 15 00 |
| July 24. | " " " Wm. L. Darr..... | 20 00 |
| Aug. 3. | " " " J. P. Price..... | 25 00 |
| Oct. 30. | " " " Wm. L. Darr..... | 40 00 |
| | | $220 00 |
| | Amount to balance in my hands..... | 66 14 |
| | | $286 14 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,

*Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund of E. L. Tennessee Synod.*

## Report of Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

SOCRATES HENKEL IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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| 1886. | | |
| Nov. 6. | To amount due Synod, when my report was made, October 29, 1885..... | $52 15 |
| 1885. | | |
| Nov. 16. | To amount from Mt. Nebo, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, pastor, | 3 03 |
| 1886. | | |
| Feb. 24. | To amount from St. Paul's, Rev. Hausenfluck, pastor, | 3 30 |

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| 1886. | | | | |
| Aug. 10. | To amount from Powder Springs, $2 41; Solomon's, $7 25; St. Mary's, $3 93; Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, past. | | | $13 59 |
| 1886. | | | | |
| Nov. 2. | To amount from S. A. Henkel, Treasurer of Emmanuel Church, S. Henkel, pastor | | | 10 00 |
| " 2. | To amount from Mt. Zion Church, S. Henkel, pastor, | | | 5 00 |
| | | | | $87 07 |
| 1886. | Cr. | | | |
| Jan. 7. | Cr. by amount paid D. I. Offman, beneficiary, as per order | $35 00 | | |
| 1886. | | | | |
| Feb. 3. | Cr. by amount paid Rev. J. C. Moser, Treas | 11 65 | | |
| Oct. 27. | Cr. by amount paid to same | 21 35 | 68 00 | |
| 1886. | | | $68 00 | 19 07 |
| Nov. 6. | Balance on hand due Synod | | | $19 07 |

S. HENKEL, Asst. Treas.

Nov. 6, 1885.

These reports were received and referred to the proper committee.

## Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

We have read this paper with pleasure, and regard it as clear and practical in its statements.

1. The President, as Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., has received an honorable dismission from the E. L. South Carolina Synod, to become a member of our Synod, commending him to its favorable consideration, recommends, that "the needed steps be taken to his admission" as a member of our Synod.

We suggest, that this recommendation be carried into execution.

2. He recommends, that "Sunday-schools be organized in all our congregations and that sound Lutheran literature be used." In regard to this recommendation, we suggest that where no such schools already exist, they be established, and that only the Holy Scriptures and sound Lutheran literature be used.

3. He also recommends, that "Synod make strong efforts" * * "to put a traveling missionary into our field of home work."

As this work now properly belongs to the Conferences, of which our Synod is composed, we forbear making any suggestions relative to it.

4. He, moreover, recommends, that "our people be advised to build no more union houses of worship."

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| Oct. 30. | " " " Wm. L. Darr..... | 40 00 | |
| | | | $220 00 |
| | Amount to balance in my hands..... | | 66 14 |
| | | | $286 14 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,

*Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund of E. L. Tennessee Synod.*

## Report of Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

SOCRATES HENKEL IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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| 1886. | | |
| Nov. 6. | To amount due Synod, when my report was made, October 29, 1885..... | $52 15 |
| 1885. | | |
| Nov. 16. | To amount from Mt. Nebo, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, pastor, | 3 03 |
| 1886. | | |
| Feb. 24. | To amount from St. Paul's, Rev. Hausenfluck, pastor, | 3 30 |

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| 1886. | | | | |
| Aug. 10. | To amount from Powder Springs, $2 41: Solomon's, $7 25: St. Mary's, $3 93: Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, past. | | | $13 59 |
| 1886. | | | | |
| Nov. 2. | To amount from S. A. Henkel, Treasurer of Emmanuel Church, S. Henkel, pastor | | | 10 00 |
| " 2. | To amount from Mt. Zion Church, S. Henkel, pastor, | | | 5 00 |
| | | | | $87 07 |
| 1886. | Cr. | | | |
| Jan. 7. | Cr. by amount paid D. I. Offman, beneficiary, as per order | | $35 00 | |
| 1886. | | | | |
| Feb. 3. | Cr. by amount paid Rev. J. C. Moser, Treas | 11 65 | | |
| Oct. 27. | Cr. by amount paid to same | 21 35 | 68 00 | |
| 1886. | | | $68 00 | 19 07 |
| Nov. 6. | Balance on hand due Synod | | | $19 07 |

S. HENKEL, Asst. Treas.

Nov. 6, 1885.

These reports were received and referred to the proper committee.

## Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

We have read this paper with pleasure, and regard it as clear and practical in its statements.

1. The President, as Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., has received an honorable dismission from the E. L. South Carolina Synod, to become a member of our Synod, commending him to its favorable consideration, recommends, that "the needed steps be taken to his admission" as a member of our Synod.

We suggest, that this recommendation be carried into execution.

2. He recommends, that "Sunday-schools be organized in all our congregations and that sound Lutheran literature be used." In regard to this recommendation, we suggest that where no such schools already exist, they be established, and that only the Holy Scriptures and sound Lutheran literature be used.

3. He also recommends, that "Synod make strong efforts" * * "to put a traveling missionary into our field of home work."

As this work now properly belongs to the Conferences, of which our Synod is composed, we forbear making any suggestions relative to it.

4. He, moreover, recommends, that "our people be advised to build no more union houses of worship."

We advise acquiescence in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
J. K. EFIRD,
L. A. BIKLE,
C. M. EFIRD.

The report was received and considered by items.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Recommitted.

Item 3. Adopted. Pending the consideration of the report. Synod adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction by Rev. R. A. Yoder.

## THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 P. M., NOV. 8, 1886.

Synod convened. Roll called. Rev. R. H. Cline was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of Synod.

Item 4 of Report of Committee on President's Report was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

### Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We, the Committee on Letters and Petitions, would respectfully report the following:

No. 1 is a petition from St. Stephen's Church, Shenandoah county, Va., in which the petitioners desire the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of Bro. P. C. Wike to the office of pastor. We recommend that this request of the petitioners be complied with.

No. 2 is a petition of similar import from St. Matthew's Church, Shenandoah county, Va., in which the petitioners state that Bro. Wike has served their congregation for several months as preacher, and has given general satisfaction, manifesting proper decorum, talent, and attainments, and that they desire a continuance of his services.

Nos. 3 and 4 are petitions from St. Jacob's and Zion churches, Shenandoah county, Va., of similar import.

No. 5 is a letter from the Church Council of Holly Grove Academy, Davidson county, N. C., which states that they have organized a congregation there, and worship in the chapel of the Academy, with Rev. W. P. Cline as their pastor, and therefore ask to be received in connection with this Synod. We recommend that it be received.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. H. Wetzel, Woodstock, Va., in which he states, that it would be most gratifying to him to be present and participate in the discussions and transactions of this body, but that it is out of his power so to do. We recommend that Bro. Wetzel be excused.

No. 7 is a letter from Rev. Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D., of Roanoke College, Va., in which he states, that he has been unable to attend any of the meetings of our Synod or Conferences since his removal to that place, being situated nearly one hundred miles from the nearest of any of our congregations, and thus cut loose largely from the current of our Synodical work and life. He therefore asks, though with feelings of sorrow and regret, for a letter of honorable dismissal from this Synod, with a view to connecting himself with the Synod of S. W. Virginia. We recommend that this request be granted.

No. 8 is a letter from the Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D., corresponding delegate of the South Carolina Synod to this body. We recommend that this letter be read before Synod.

No. 9 is a letter from the Sisters of Mercy, Hickory, N. C., in which they offer for sale their school property. We recommend that this matter be considered by Synod.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, in which he asks to be excused from the attendance of this meeting, in consequence of the condition of his family and scarcity of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. Daniel Efird, asking to be excused.—We recommend that he be excused.

No. 12 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D., Principal of Girls' Home School, Luray, Va., in which he expresses a desire to be present at this meeting, but cannot procure the services of anyone to fill his place during his absence. We recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

I. CONDER,
J. A. RUDISILL,
SILAS SMYRE.

This report was received and considered item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted.

On motion, the Ordination Committee was made the committee to examine brother P. C. Wike.

Item 5. Adopted, and name of delegate enrolled.

Item 6. Adopted. Rev. H. Wetzel excused.

Item 7. Adopted. Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., granted an honorable dismissal from our Synod to the South-western Va. Synod.

Item 8. Adopted, and letter read before Synod.

Item 9. Was referred to a committee composed of three, with the President as chairman, and Rev. Prof. C. H. Bernheim and Mr. Philip Killian.

Item 10. Adopted. Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck excused.

Item 11. Adopted. Rev. D. Efird excused.

Item 12. Adopted. Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D., excused.

The report was adopted as a whole.

### Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report, that as the missionary work of the Synod is carried on by the Conferences, and they having furnished no reports, we have no data by which to report the progress of said Conferences in said work.

R. H. CLINE,
P. C. WIKE,
A. COSTNER.

The report was received for consideration, and was then adopted as amended.

The following resolution was adopted, and the Secretary ordered to place it among the Standing Resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the officers of the Conferences be required to make, to each meeting of Synod, a full report of the missionary work of their bodies during the year.

It was moved to consider the time and place for holding the next meeting of Synod.

Bethlehem, Augusta Co., Va., was selected as the place, and Saturday, at 10 A. M., before the 4th Sunday in August, 1887, as the time.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the President, at his leisure during this convention, appoint a committee of three ministers, to report at the next meeting of this body a full line of Lutheran text-books for use in our Sunday-schools.

Committee: Revs. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Prof. J. S. Koiner, and S. Henkel, D. D.

## Report of Visiting Committee.

We, the committee appointed at the last convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, to visit Concordia College during the present Synodical year, and report as to the condition and prosperity of the School this meeting of Synod, beg leave to submit the following, viz.: That we have visited the School, and are happy to report that it is in a prosperous condition, having had a larger patronage this year than during any previous year.

The Professors and Teachers were laboring diligently in their respective classes with evidences of satisfactory results.

We also find the pupils under proper disciplinary regulations, with a proper regard and respect for their instructors.

The College building has been re-arranged internally, which adds greatly to the convenience and comfort of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX, Chm.,
J. R. PETERSON.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

Item 2 of Report of Committee on President's Report, which was recommitted, was adopted as amended. The report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned to meet at 8 P. M. Benediction by Rev. A. L. Crouse.

## FOURTH SESSION.

Monday, 8 P. M., Nov. 8, 1886.

Synod convened. Roll called. Reading of minutes of today was postponed till tomorrow.

Rev. W. P. Cline gave notice that he would, on tomorrow, offer a resolution to change the fifth sentence of Article 2 of our Beneficiary Regulations.

## Report of Committee on Treasurers' Reports.

We, the committee appointed to audit the reports of the treasurer of Synod, and of the treasurer of Beneficiary fund, submit the following:

(1) We find all credits in the Synodical Treasurer's report, approved by vouchers and statements.

(2) We find all credits in the Beneficiary Treasurer's report likewise approved by vouchers.

(3) We find in the assistant Treasurer's report an error of one cent.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. MOSER,
M. L. FOX,
D. A. GOODMAN.

The report was received and adopted.

## Report of Committee on Examination and Ordination.

We, your committee appointed to examine Mr. P. C. Wike, as to his qualifications to bear the office of pastor, would say, we have performed that duty, and find that he is qualified, and recommend that he be ordained to the office of pastor.

J. M. SMITH,
C. H. BERNHEIM,
J. N. STIREWALT,
T. MOSER.

The report was received and adopted.

It was moved, that Rev. Prof. C. H. Bernheim preach the Ordination Sermon. The motion prevailed.

The committee, appointed to report on the communication from the Sisters of Mercy, read their report. The report was received, and, after some consideration, was recommitted.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Treasurers' Reports was reconsidered. It was moved, that the incompleteness of the reports of the Treasurers be left to the Treasurers to perfect.

Synod adjourned to meet Tuesday at 9 A. M. Benediction by the President.

## FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 A. M., NOV. 9, 1886.

Synod convened. Divine services were conducted by Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner. Roll called. The minutes of yesterday were read, received, and adopted.

Parochial reports were read.

Upon a properly signed petition for admission, Pisgah

Church, Alexander Co., N. C., was received into connection with this Synod.

Bethel Church, Rockingham Co., Va., was received into connection with this Synod.

Mt. Calvary Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., was received into connection with this Synod.

The vote on the reception of these three congregations was unanimous.

## Report of Committee on Communication from Sisters of Mercy.

We, your committee appointed to report to this Convention of Synod on the communication from the Sisters of Mercy, Hickory, N. C., proposing to sell their college building to this Synod, would beg leave to submit the following:

In view of the fact, that the building is located in a thriving town, on the W. N. C. R. R., in the midst of a Lutheran community, and well adapted to either a male or female school, theological seminary, or orphan asylum, we recommend that a committee of three be appointed to visit the site, and purchase provided it can procure the funds.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
C. H. BERNHEIM,
PHILIP KILLIAN.

The report was received, considered, and adopted as amended. The following committee was appointed: Rev. R. A. Yoder, Messrs. M. L. Cline, and A. Costner.

## Report of the Delegates to the Church Diet.

A second church Diet having been convened, at Roanoke, Virginia, June 24, 1886, in accordance with the action of the Diet held in Salisbury, North Carolina, Nov. 12, 13, 1884, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synods concerned having adopted the Basis for a more general union of these Synods and the congregations of which they are composed, and the Constitution designed for the government of such more general union, as set forth and agreed upon by the Diet which met in Salisbury, and the necessary preliminary regulations having been made, we, the undersigned delegates to said Diet, held at Roanoke, cast the vote of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, which we had the honor to represent, in accordance with her instructions, in favor of the establishment of the more general, organic union contemplated, and the action of the other Synods concerned being favorable to such union, it was ef-

fected, on the Basis and Constitution indicated, under the name and title of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South. Thus with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod and the Holston Synod, the Southern General Synod was merged into one general body.

We have reason to thank the Great Head of the Church, that the true Confessions have been thus again formally recognized and acknowledged. The Scriptural *premises* have, in this way, been laid down and agreed to, and by prudence, brotherly love, and the influences of the Holy Spirit, the conclusions must be, ultimately, inevitable. But it will require patience and much judicious work, to attain that higher and more churchly plain in regard to doctrine and practice.

After its organization, important business was transacted by the United Synod,—some of which will require the attention of our Synod: as, foreign missions, important home missionary work, &c. We trust Synod will take such action in regard to these, as she may deem proper.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
A. KOINER,
A. L. CROUSE,
E. L. LYBRAND,
C. M. EFIRD,
C. H. BERNHEIM.

In regard to this report, the following resolutions were offered:

1. That it be adopted:

2. That, in adopting it, as the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod rejects all ecclesiastical union and co-operation which is not based on the pure Lutheran teaching and faith: as, the Exchange of Pulpits, Promiscuous Communion or Altar Fellowship, Secret Society Worship, and Chiliasm, we the ministers and lay-delegates, in Synod assembled, do hereby recommend or advise the Committee or the Chairman of the Committee, appointed by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South to prepare by-laws for its government, in drafting such by-laws so to formulate them, as to require every teacher or professor who may be appointed as a teacher or professor in any Theological Seminary that she may establish or put into operation, to take an obligation not to teach, practice, or inculcate anything that comes in conflict with these principles, or the doctrines of the Church;

3. That, we trust the said United Synod will feel the importance of acquiescing in this precautionary request, with a view to the good of the Church: especially as this is desired only in work, for which each

Synod will be held responsible in its united efforts, and which it should be able to defend and maintain according to the pure doctrines and practices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as over against sectarian innovations and corruptions, leaving each Synod in connection with the United Synod, in its individual, Synodical transactions, so to shape its course, as ultimately to attain that higher plain in doctrine and practice, so characteristic of the true Church.

The above report and resolutions were received and adopted by a rising vote.

Pending the discussion of electing a Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, Synod adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.—Benediction by the President.

### Ordination of Mr. P. C. Wike.

At the appointed time, the committee appointed to ordain Mr. P. C. Wike, of Conover, N. C., proceeded to discharge their duty, Rev. J. M. Smith, chairman, leading the service. Rev. Prof. C. H. Bernheim preached the Ordination Sermon from 2 Cor. 5, 20 and 2 Tim. 4, 1, 2, after which bro. P. C. Wike was solemnly ordained to the office of Pastor by the laying on of hands and prayer.

## SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M., NOV. 9, 1886.

Synod convened. Roll called.

Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

In reference to items 2 and 3 of the resolution adopted by this body upon the report of the delegates to the Diet, C. M. Efird requested it to be stated in the records, that he voted in the negative.

### Beneficiary Appropriations.

On motion, an appropriation of sixty dollars was made to Mr. D. M. Moser, one of our beneficiaries.

Seventy-five dollars were appropriated to beneficiary W. L. Darr.

One hundred and twenty-five dollars were appropriated to beneficiary J. P. Price.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. W. P. Cline, and, after consideration, was laid on the table:

*Resolved*, That the fifth sentence of Article 2 of Beneficiary Regulations be amended to read as follows:

He must, at least, have attained to a sufficient amount of literary knowledge to enable him to enter the Sophomore class in regular colleges.

Mr. A. L. Bolick was received by Synod as a beneficiary student, and an appropriation of seventy-five dollars was made him.

## Report on Church Institutions.

We, your committee, would respectfully report, that we have had but one paper placed in our hands, from which we gather that Concordia College, Conover, N. C., is in a flourishing condition, having had a larger enrollment of pupils than at any previous session.

Further, we, your committee, recommend:

1. That the Board of Trustees be the only authority, with the sanction of Synod, to elect or employ any of its professors or teachers that are in anywise connected with the said College.

2. That, as the Board of Trustees have the only authority, with the sanction of Synod, to elect teachers, or trustees for said institution, they elect two more members, who reside at or near Conover, N. C., to be added to the Board of Trustees, so that, in any case of emergency, a quorum may be had for the transaction of business.

3. That the advertisement of Concordia College be printed upon the last page of the cover of our Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
C. H. BERNHEIM.
A. COSTNER.

The report was received, and, after considerable discussion, was adopted as amended.

On motion, Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and Prof. C. H. Bernheim were recommended to the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, to be elected members of said Board. The motion prevailed.

## Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee on Examination, beg leave to report, that we have had an interview with Rev. D. C. Huffman, an applicant for admission into this Synod as a member of the same, and being satisfied that he agrees with us in doctrine and practice, we recommend that he be received, and his name placed upon our clerical roll.

P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
E. L. LYBRAND,
J. K. EFIRD.

The report was received and adopted, and the name of Rev. D. C. Huffman was ordered to be placed on the clerical roll.

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this body are due and hereby expressed to the members of this congregation, the officers of Gaston College, and others of the community, for the courteous and kind reception and entertainment which we have enjoyed during this convention of Synod.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

## Delegates to Other Synods.

To South Carolina Synod:—Rev. J. K. Efird, Principal; Rev. J. A. Cromer, Alternate.

To North Carolina Synod:—Rev. Prof. C. H. Bernheim, Principal; Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline, Alternate.

To the Virginia Synod:—Rev. I. Conder, Principal; Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Alternate.

To Holston Synod:—Rev. Prof. M. L. Little, Principal; Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Alternate.

On motion, the Committee on the State of the Church was excused from making a report to this convention of Synod.

The following resolution on Home and Foreign Missionary operations was offered:

WHEREAS, In view of the connection which this Synod now sustains to the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, it will be her duty properly to aid in promoting the important

home missionary operations, as well as the foreign, under the supervision of said United Synod, be it

*Resolved*, That our ministers be required to bring this matter before their respective congregations, and that the said congregations are advised to co-operate with their pastors in devising ways and means to raise not less than 10 cents per each communicant, by establishing congregational treasuries, or woman's societies, or whatever mode they may think the better for raising such amounts, and that the amounts be raised as soon as possible and sent to the Treasurer of our Synod, and the result be reported to the next meeting of our Synod.

The resolution was received, considered, and adopted.

Rev. S. Henkel was re-elected Assistant Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to have a sufficient number of the Minutes of this session of Synod printed to supply the demand.

*Resolved*, That Revs. T. Moser and J. K. Efird be constituted a committee, to visit Concordia College, Conover, N. C., and report to the next convention of Synod.

*Resolved*, That Revs. J. Paul Stirewalt and S. Henkel, D. D., be appointed to draft and publish suitable resolutions on the death of Mr. T. E. Armentrout, an applicant for the ministry in connection with this Synod.

The committee on the publication of the Book of Concord was continued till the next convention of Synod.

Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, and Prof. M. L. Little were appointed a committee to prepare a paper setting forth the importance of Church Discipline and a form for its administration, and submit it to the next convention of Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Synod appoint a committee to compile all the past acts of this Synod, needed by its members for guidance in their duties, for publication in the Minutes of Synod.

Committee: Revs. A. L. Crouse and Prof. J. S. Koiner.

*Resolved*, That each applicant for a printed certificate of ordination be and is hereby required to pay the Treasurer of Synod 25 cents per copy.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we heartily thank Prof. S. A. Wolfe and the choir for their excellent music rendered in our services during the sessions of this Synod.

It was moved to sanction the action of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College in calling and electing Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner to teach theology in said College. The motion prevailed.

The following motion was carried:

In regard to theological instruction at Concordia College, Conover, N. C., it was moved that Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner continue to devote a portion of his time to such instruction, and that the College Board pay him in proportion to the labor he performs, out of funds which have been or may be raised for such purpose, and paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the College.

Zion congregation, Jacksonville, Ala., was received into connection with Synod, by order of the President.

Synod adjourned to meet at the place and time designated. Prayer by Rev. R. A. Yoder.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
*Secretary Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.*

IN MEMORY OF

# MR. THOS. E. ARMENTROUT,

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

SEPTEMBER 25, 1886, AT ENOCHVILLE, N. C.

We, the committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions, submit the following:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased God, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, to remove our lamented brother, T. E. Armentrout, from his labors on earth to his rest in heaven; be it

*Resolved* 1. That in the death of our brother we recognize the hand of God, and bow with resigned submission to His will.

*Resolved* 2. In his death, the Church Militant has lost a devoted member, an efficient Teacher, and one who gave good promise of future usefulness in the Gospel Ministry, for which he had prepared himself, and in which he labored more or less for a year or two, as a candidate, with efficiency.

*Resolved* 3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the face of the Minutes.

*Resolved* 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sad family of which he was a member.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
SOCRATES HENKEL.

## Religious Services.

Saturday, 11, A. M., Nov. 6.—Rev. J. M. Smith, Ps. 48, 12–13.

Saturday, 7, P. M., Nov. 6.—Rev. I. Conder, Gen. 7, 1, middle clause.

Sunday, 10, A. M., Nov. 7.—Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., Gal. 6, 14.

Rev. Prof. M. L. Little administered baptism to two adults. There were 8 confirmations during the meeting. The holy communion was administered to a large number of communicants.

Sunday, 2, P. M., Nov. 7.—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., John 1, 29.

Sunday, 7, P. M., Nov. 7.—Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Matt. 21, 28–32.

Monday, 11, P. M., Nov. 8.—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Eph. 6, 17.

Monday, 7, P. M., Nov. 8.—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Acts 24, 16.

Tuesday, 11, A. M., Nov. 9.—Rev. Prof. C. H. Bernheim, 2 Cor. 5, 20 and 2 Tim. 4, 1, 2. Ordination Sermon.

Tuesday, 7, P. M., Nov. 9.—Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Matt. 14, 19–21.

## Order of Business.

### First Day.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### Other Days.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

# PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| PASTORS. | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Letters. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday Schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Removals. | Synodical. | Beneficiary Educat'n. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. | Theological Professorship. |
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| Rev. H. Wetzel* | 1841 | 1 | 40 | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... |
| Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D | 1843 | 3 | 500 | 1200 | 3 | 77 | 45 | ... | 24 | ... | 2 | 4 | ... | ... | $ 2.10 | $15.00 | $200.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. J. R. Peterson | 1843 | 4 | 180 | 200 | 1 | 19 | 6 | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | 5 | ... | ... | 3.60 | 15.00 | 250.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. T. Moser | 1844 | 3 | 126 | 281 | 4 | 15 | 9 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.75 | 5.85 | 100.00 | ..... | $4.25 |
| Rev. D. Efird† | 1847 | ... | .... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D.‡ | 1848 | 3 | 300 | ..... | ... | 15 | 5 | 3 | 9 | ... | 1 | 10 | 75 | ... | 6.75 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. S. Henkel, D. D | 1855 | 2 | 260 | 525 | 2 | 27 | 19 | 1 | 26 | ... | 1 | 7 | 60 | 2 | 3.00 | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. C. H. Bernheim | 1855 | 2 | 258 | 318 | ... | 13 | 11 | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 7.00 | 10.45 | 210.00 | $ 33.63 | ..... |
| Rev. J. M. Smith | 1856 | 2 | 302 | 600 | 3 | 40 | 30 | ... | 7 | ... | 1 | .. | .... | ... | ..... | 8.00 | 175.00 | 100.00 | ..... |
| Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D. | 1859 | ... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D.† | 1859 | ... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. I. Conder | 1861 | 4 | 132 | 187 | 1 | 3 | 5 | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | 5 | 40 | ... | .50 | ..... | 200.00 | 1500.00 | ..... |
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| Rev. M. L. Little | 1873 | 4 | 410 | ..... | 6 | 40 | 34 | ... | 9 | ... | ... | ... | .... | ... | 6.00 | 75.00 | 375.00 | ..... | ..... |

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| Rev. J. K. Efird. | 1877 | 2 | 500 | 1000 | 4 | 49 | 22 | 6 | 28 | ... | 2 | 10 | 175 | ... | $ 9.25 | $16.05 | $310.00 | ..... | ..... |
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| Rev. D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 | 4 | .... | ..... | 1 | 36 | 12 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ... | 2.00 | 34.74 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. D. A. Sox. | 1883 | 2 | 69 | 137 | ... | 3 | .. | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 4 | 75 | ... | 1.00 | 2.45 | 200.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. J. A. Rudisill | 1883 | 4 | 600 | 1200 | 6 | 85 | 62 | ... | 13 | ... | 4 | ... | .... | 6 | 2.30 | 12.55 | ..... | 400.00 | ..... |
| Rev. R. H. Cline | 1885 | 3 | 190 | 350 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | 100 | 2 | ..... | 6.45 | ..... | 350.00 | ..... |
| Rev. P. C. Wike | 1886 | 4 | 120 | 180 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | .... | ... | 3.00 | 17.40 | 400.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. D. C. Huffman† | ..... | ... | .... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

*And one Mission point. †No report furnished the Secretary. ‡Report for only 6 months.

‖To be expended directly upon a candidate already selected by the charge to be educated at Gaston College.

§In absence of pastor, served 10 months.

## List of Churches in Connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

### Alabama.

Cleburne County.—St. Michael.

Calhoun County.—Zion.

### South Carolina.

Lexington County.—Zion, St. Peter, (M.) St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Emmanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas.

Richland County.—St. Andrew.

### North Carolina.

Alamance County.—Mt. Pleasant.

Alexander County.—Friendship, Salem, Pisgah.

Burke County.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.

Caldwell County.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Lutz.

Cabarrus County.—St. Martin, Lutheran Union.

Catawba County.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel.

Cleveland County.—St. Matthew.

Davidson County.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem.

Gaston County.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

Guilford County.—Coble.

Iredell County.—Sharon, St. Martin.

Lincoln County.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon.

Mecklenburg County.—Morning Star.

Randolph County.—Melanchthon.

Rowan County.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.

Stanley County.—St. Martin.

Union County.—Emmanuel.

Watauga County.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

### Virginia.

Augusta County.—Bethlehem, St. Paul.

Rockingham County.—Bethany, (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel.

Page County.—St. Paul, St. William, Fairview, Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

Shenandoah County.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary, (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary.

Madison County.—Mt. Nebo.

## Standing Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

*Resolved*, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved*, That the officers of the Conferences be required to make, to each meeting of Synod, a full report of the missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved*, That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday schools in all their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort during the Synodical year to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and the congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved*, That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved*, That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved*, That when beneficiaries leave College they shall be required to leave behind them in College, all the classical and scientific books that have been bought with money received from this Synod.

*Resolved*, That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved*, That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our Ministers to ask their Congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved*, That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved*, That the mission work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved*, That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Conference to make a report of the work done, to the annual sessions of Synod.

*Resolved*, That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

*Resolved*, That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

*Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered, at the future meetings of this Synod, Sunday afternoons shall be devoted to Sunday school work: and the *pastors loci* where synodical meetings are held are charged with the duty of making the necessary arrangements, to give interest and effect to these services.

Whereas, It is meet and right, that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved*, That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved*, That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved*, That, with a view of establishing proper relations between Concordia College, situated at Conover, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, we, in meeting assembled, agree, 1. that, whenever a vacancy, or vacancies, occur, either by death, resignation, or removal, in the Board of Trustees or in the Faculty, the said Synod shall have the right as well as the privilege to recommend a suitable person, or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies: 2. that the Synod shall have the right to appoint a Board of Visitors, whose duty it shall be annually to visit said school, and make such report of the condition of the school to each session of the Synod, as may be deemed most advantageous; 3. that it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to make a report annually to Synod, relative to moral and literary condition of the school, which report shall also be signed by the secretary of the faculty: 4. that the President of the Board of Trustees shall also make an annual report to Synod, in regard to the financial condition of the school, which report shall likewise be signed by the secretary of the Board of the Trustees; 5. that this school shall be continued and conducted as a church institution, under such rules and regulations, as may be instituted by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the charter, and the Confessions of the Church as set forth in the Christian Book of Concord, each teacher, instructor, or professor, taking an obligation not to teach anything in said school that is contrary to said Confessions.

These stipulations or propositions shall be valid and in force, provided the said Synod shall acquiesce, and is disposed to lend said institution its fostering care and encouragement, as well as its influence and moral force: provided, that if the Synod shall fail, after notice, to recommend, in due time, a suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the proper authorities of said institution, shall proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

*Resolved*, That we, as a Synod, accept the propositions made to us by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and that in consideration of the rights and privileges therein granted, we will lend to said institution our fostering care, influence, and moral support.—*See Minutes of* 1883, *page* 18.

*Resolved*, That our beneficiaries and students of theology shall neither preach nor absent themselves from their recitations without special permission of the faculty of Concordia College, and that we advise that they preach not more than once a month.

*Resolved*, That the officers of each church within our bounds be requested to see, that each member of their congregation and Sunday-school pay at least 5 cents per annum into the beneficiary fund.

*Resolved*, That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, to arrange for the Sunday school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

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On page 3, clerical roll, Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle's postoffice should be Dallas, N. C., instead of Conover, N. C. On page 4, Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline's postoffice should be Ilex, N. C., instead of Fairgrove, N. C. On page 28, read Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., entered the ministry 1850, instead of 1855.

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## PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION.

The next Convention of Synod will be held (D. V.) in St. Peter's (P. W.) Church, Lexington County, S. C., beginning at 10 A. M., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1888.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Sixty-Seventh Annual Convention

OF THE

# EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

## FIRST SESSION.

Bethlehem Church,
Ladd, Augusta County, Va.,
August 27th, 1887.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met, in her sixty-seventh convention, with Bethlehem congregation, Ladd, Augusta Co., Va., on Saturday, 10 A. M., August 27, 1887. Its sessions were continued till Wednesday, 12 M., August 31, 1887.

The President, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, preached the opening sermon from Psalm 32, 5.

After the sermon, Synod convened at the call of the President. The Secretary called the Clerical Roll.

### Clerical Roll.

| PASTORS. | POSTOFFICES. |
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| Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D | Conover, N. C. |
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Jacob Wike.....

Lay-Delegates presented certificates of their election, and their names were entered as members of Synod.

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.

## Lay-Delegates.

Mr. Jonas Hunsucker—Concordia, St. John, and Newton, N. C.
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Geo. D. Dovel—St. Peter's, Va

The President, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, then read his report, which was received and referred to the proper committee after its appointment.

## President's Report.

In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Dear Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod!* In the kind providence of God we have met again in synodical convention. We meet as brethren having common interests, aims, and purposes—the furthering of the kingdom of our blessed Lord and Christ. In our work let us recognize the fact, that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

We have great reason for thankfulness, in the fact that the lives of our ministerial brethren have all been spared.

During the past synodical year very little business of an official character has claimed my attention.

February 18th, 1887, I granted a letter of honorable dismissal to Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., to the Synod of Southwest Virginia, as per action of our Synod at its last session.

In January, Rev. B. S. Brown handed me a letter of honorable dismissal from the N. C. Synod to our body. He took charge in January of the congregations of Holy Trinity (Hickory) and Zion, in connection with our Synod, and desired to be installed; but as our Constitution and By-Laws are silent on the question of the President receiving ministers from other Synods, I refer the matter to Synod. I herewith hand you his letter of dismissal, and recommend that the necessary steps be taken for his admission into our Synod.

At my request, Rev. P. C. Wike was installed in his charge in Virginia, in the month of April, by the Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, the services being held in Zion's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va.

A petition from the congregation, organized by Rev. D. A. Sox, at Jacksonville, Ala., asking for admission into our Synod, having failed to reach Synod in time for action at the last session of our Synod, I directed the Secretary to place the name of the congregation on our list of congregations. I herewith hand you the petition, and ask Synod to take the formal action of receiving said congregation into our Synod.

In January, Rev. C. H. Bernheim informed me officially, that he had taken charge of congregations in Alexander and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina.

In July, Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., informed me, that, owing to ill health, he had resigned his charge in South Carolina, but desires still to remain a member of our Synod.

There have been other pastoral changes of which I have not been officially informed.

I gave the following orders on our Treasurer, *in favor of our Beneficiaries:* To A. L. Bolch, $75.00, Nov. 24th, 1886; To J. P. Price, $125.00, Nov. 27th, 1886; To W. L. Darr, $75.00, May 21st, 1887; To Henkel & Co., printing Minutes, $62.50, Jan. 29th, 1887.

I recommend that the time of the meetings of our Synod be fixed on a certain day, about the 1st Sunday of October, in each year, so as to avoid long and short Synodical years, and the consequent unequal parochial reports.

I also recommend to the consideration of Synod, the propriety of holding the meetings of Synod more frequently in North Carolina at least each alternate meeting, because North Carolina is a central point of Synodical territory, and because fully one-half of the Synod is in this State.

I also recommend that Synod take under its care the special work of looking after the Alabama Mission. Rev. D. A. Sox has labored there under great disadvantages for four years, and feels that he cannot do anything unless Synod take hold of the work and render some aid. I recommend this, because it is an important field, and is not under the care of either of the Conferences in connection with Synod.

And now may the peace of God which passeth understanding keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. Amen.

R. A. YODER.

### Election of Officers.

Revs. W. P. Cline and P. C. Wike being appointed Tellers, an election of officers was now held, which resulted in the choice of

Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, President.

Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Secretary, (re-elected.)

Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Cor. Secretary.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Treasurer.

Synod adjourned to meet at half past one o'clock. Benediction by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

## SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1½ O'CLOCK, P. M., AUG. 27, 1887.

Synod convened. Roll called.

Rev. Prof. J. A. Willis, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia being present, was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Rev. B. S. Brown, of the Lutheran church, was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Letters, papers, and petitions intended for Synod were called for, by the President. They were handed to a committee composed of Revs. A. L. Crouse and P. C. Wike, and after being classified were handed to the proper committees.

Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D., was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this convention of the Synod.

The following resolution, on p. 32, last year's Minutes, was repealed:

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Conference to make a report of the work done, to the annual sessions of Synod.

The resolution, to take the place of the foregoing one repealed, is as follows:

*Resolved*, That the officers of the Conferences be required to make, to each meeting of Synod, a full report of the missionary work of their bodies during the year.

The following resolution, on p. 34, Minutes of 1886, was adopted as amended:

*Resolved*, That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

The following resolution, on p. 32, Minutes of 1886, is repealed:

*Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered, at the future meetings of this Synod, Sunday afternoons shall be devoted to Sunday-school work; and the *pastors loci* where Synodical meetings are held are charged with the duty of making the necessary arrangements, to give interest and effect to these services.

The following resolution, on page 32, Minutes of 1886, was repealed:

*Resolved*, That when beneficiaries leave College they shall be required to leave behind them in College, all the classical and scientific books that have been bought with money received from this Synod.

The President appointed the following

## Standing Committees.

1. *On the State of the Church.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., J. A. Cromer, Prof. W. P. Cline, and Mr. Jonas Hunsucker.

2. *On Examination.*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., H. Wetzel, Prof. R. A. Yoder, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

### Committees to Report During This Convention.

I. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. A. L. Crouse, D. A. Sox, and Mr. Haley Myers.

II. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. M. L. Fox, M. D., J. W. Hausenfluck, and Mr. D. I. Offman.

III. *On President's Report.*—Revs. I. Conder, A. L. Crouse, and Mr. D. W. Hammon.

IV. *On Treasurers' Reports.*—Mr. J. W. Zirkle.

V. *On Church Institutions.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. A. Cromer.

VI. *On Missions.*—Revs. J. A. Rudisill, D. A. Sox, and P. C. Wike.

The subject of Theological studies, in Concordia College, was made the first item of business for Monday morning.

On motion, the President appointed the following Special Committee of three to propose the names of Delegates to the approaching convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South: Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., J. N. Stirewalt, and J. A. Cromer.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, Rev. J. C. Moser, was read by the Secretary, received and handed to the chairman of the Committee on Treasurers' Reports.

## Treasurer's Report—Beneficiary Fund.

J. C. MOSER, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund,

In account with the

Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

| 1886. | | Dr. | |
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| To balance on hand as per last report,—see Minutes of 1886, page 12 .... | | | $ 66 14 |
| Nov. | 9. | To amt. from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge: Morning Star, $2 00; Mt. Nebo, $3 82; Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel, $1 00 | 6 82 |
| " | 9. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Wike's charge: St. Stephen's, $3 23; St. Matthew's, $5 50; Zion, $7 67; St. Jacob's, $1 00 | 17 40 |
| " | 9. | To amt. from Rev. M. L. Fox's charge: Melanchthon, $2 00; Coble's, $1 20; Mt. Pleasant, .65 | 3 85 |
| " | 9. | To amt. from Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge: Sharon, | 4 71 |
| " | 9. | To amt. from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge: St. John's, $8 00; St. Peter's, $8 05 | 16 05 |
| " | 9. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge: Zion, $5 00; Emmanuel, $3 00 | 8 00 |
| " | 10. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge: St. Stephen's, $8 00; Feb. 14, 1887, Lutheran Chapel, $7 20 | 15 20 |
| " | 10. | To amt. from Rev. S Henkel, Assistant Treasurer... | 15 00 |
| " | 24. | To amt. from Rev. T. Moser's charge: St. Martin's, Cabarrus, $3 75; St. Martin's, Stanley, $2 00; Jan. 18, 1887, Lutheran Union, $1 60 | 7 35 |
| " | 26. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge, | 12 50 |
| " | 28. | To amt. from Rev. D. J. Settlemyre's charge: Philadelphia | 4 20 |
| " | 29. | To amt. from Dr. L. A. Bikle's charge: Philadelphia, | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 24. | To amt. from Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge: St. Paul's, $8 00 | 8 00 |
| " | 31. | To amt. from Rev. J. S. Koiner's charge, $5 00 | 5 00 |
| 1887. | | | |
| Feb. | 7. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge: St. James', $11.55; Salem, $5 00; Grace, $3 00 | 19 55 |
| Mar. | 17. | To amt. from Rev. R. H. Cline's charge | 6 45 |
| " | 18. | To amt. from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge: St. Paul's, $4 00 | 4 00 |
| April | 14. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge | 4 50 |
| May | 7. | To amt. from Rev. W. P. Cline's charge | 10 00 |

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| Aug. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Moser's charge: Concordia, $20 00; St. John's, $5 00 | 25 00 |
| Aug. | 23. | To amt. from Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge, Cedar Grove | 2 55 |
| " | 23. | To amt. from Rev. D. A. Sox's charge, St. Michael's, Alabama | 2 45 |
| | | | $273 72 |
| | | | 240 00 |
| Aug. | 23. | To balance in my hands | $33 72 |
| Error in addition, of | | | 1 00 |
| Balance due Synod | | | $34 72 |

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| 1886. | | Cr. | |
| Dec. | 4. | By cash to A. L. Bolick | $35 00 |
| " | 7. | " " " J. P. Price | 50 00 |
| 1887. | | | |
| April | 6. | " " " J. P. Price | 35 00 |
| May | 14. | " " " A. L. Bolick | 20 00 |
| May | 25. | " " " J. P. Price | 15 00 |
| June | 11. | " " " Wm. L. Darr | 40 00 |
| Aug. | 8. | " " " J. P. Price | 25 00 |
| " | 8. | " " " A. L. Bolick | 20 00 |
| | | | $240 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER.

The Report of the Assistant Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund was read by the Secretary. The report was received and handed to the chairman of the Committee on Treasurers' Reports.

## Report of Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

SOCRATES HENKEL in Account with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

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| 1886. | | Dr. | |
| Nov. | 6, | To amount to balance last year's account | $19 06 |
| " | " | " corrected on error of last year's report | 01 |
| 1887. | | | |
| Jan. | 24, | To amount from Rev. Dr. J. I. Miller's charge, by check, through Rev. J. K. Efird | 11 50 |
| April | 26, | To amount from Rev. Crouse's charge | 10 00 |
| | | | $40 57 |

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Nov. 10, By amount paid Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser, Treas. as receipt accompanying this report will show $15 00

— — $15 00

By balance on hand due Synod..... $25 57

$40 57

S. HENKEL, Asst. Treas.

Aug. 23, 1887.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 A. M. Benediction by Rev. I. Conder.

## THIRD SESSION.

Monday Morning, 9 A. M., Aug. 29, 1887.

Synod convened. Divine services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Rudisill. Roll called. The minutes of Saturday were read, received, and adopted.

### Theological Studies.

This being the special subject for consideration Synod at once proceeded to its discussion.

On motion, a committee composed of Revs. Prof. J. S. Koiner, Dr. M. L. Fox, and J. A. Rudisill, was appointed to report to this convention of Synod a plan for augmenting the present plan of Theological Study in Concordia College.

Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, being present, was made an advisory member of Synod.

The subject of Home and Foreign Missions was made a special item of business for consideration at the opening of this afternoon's session.

Revs. C. H. Beard and J. H. Barb, of the Evangelical Lutheran Virginia Synod, were invited to seats as advisory members.

## Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report (Beneficiary Fund.)

I, the committee appointed to audit the reports of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund, submit the following:

1. I find all credits in the Beneficiary Treasurer's Report approved by vouchers.

2. I find an error of one dollar, in addition, on Treasurer's Report, balance being $34.72.

3. I find report of Assistant Treasurer's Report correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J W. ZIRKLE.

The report was received and adopted.

Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, with Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Assistant Treasurer.

The following reports were read before Synod:

## Report of the President of Concordia College.

In offering my report of the moral and literary condition of Concordia College, it affords me pleasure to be able to speak quite favorably of both. While many of the higher schools of our land have become more and more influential in the direction of scepticism and immorality, it is with much satisfaction, that I can speak so encouragingly of the moral condition of our Institution. The time which we devote each day to the study of the Bible and Catechism, and to lectures thereon, bears fruit in the lives and characters of our pupils. In earnest devotion to study, and in quiet, orderly deportment on the part of our pupils, there has certainly been a very marked improvement in the past year. And this improvement we confidently believe to be due to the daily lessons from God's Word impressed upon the minds of our students by frequent repetition. The plan of our School is certainly approving itself in the results accomplished, in the silent and gradual, yet unmistakable influence exerted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,

PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY.

## Report of President of Board of Trustees of Concordia College.

As President of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, I have the satisfaction of reporting favorably of its financial condition. We have two good buildings, well suited and arranged for school purposes. In many respects the School is better equipped for its work than it has

been hitherto. Thanks to our friends, North and South, we are out of debt, and have about a hundred dollars on hand. While many additions are needed for the library, apparatus, &c., we yet hope that through the help of our friends, we will be able, ere long, to meet all these wants.

In another respect, however, the finances of our School are not what they should be. The tuition fees are not near adequate to the support of the teachers. The present teachers are laboring at a considerable sacrifice; and the time is coming when we must endow the School, or perhaps be unable to find teachers to continue the work.

J. HUNSUCKER,
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

## Report of Committee on Church Institutions.

We, your Committee on Church Institutions, respectfully submit the following:

Two papers in regard to Concordia College, Conover, N. C., have been placed in our hands,—the one, the Report of the President of the Faculty, and the other, that of the President of the Board of Trustees.

The former represents the School as in a very healthy condition, both in a religious, moral point of view, and in an intellectual and literary, with encouraging prospects; the latter shows that it is in a similar condition, in a financial and material point of view, it being out of debt and having about one hundred dollars in the Treasury; but it also claims that more means are necessary for the library, apparatus, &c. It indicates, moreover, in another direction, that the finances arising from the tuition fees, are not sufficient to remunerate the teachers as they deserve, for the services they render; and finally, intimates that the time is coming when it will be necessary to take steps towards endowing the School.

In regard to these papers, we would recommend:

1. That these reports be spread on the face of our Minutes, as they are numbered;

2. That the Board of Trustees use their discretion in regard to raising funds, to increase the library and to secure suitable apparatus.

3. That, if under the present aspect and condition of things, they deem it opportune to make an effort to endow the institution, the Board of Trustees and the Faculty appoint a committee out of their members to mature a plan for that purpose, and submit it to the next convention of Synod for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
J. A. CROMER.

The report was received and considered by items.

Item 1 of the report was adopted.

Item 2, adopted.

Item 3, adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. G. W. Spiggle, a member of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia being present, was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Synod adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

## FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.,
AUGUST 29, 1887.

Synod convened. Roll called.

Rev. L. K. Probst, at the call of the President, addressed the Synod and congregation on the subject of Home and Foreign Missions.

Rev. H. Wetzel was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this convention of Synod.

The following resolutions on Home and Foreign Missionary operations were offered:

WHEREAS, In view of the connection which this Synod now sustains to the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, it will be her duty properly to aid in promoting the important home missionary operations, as well as foreign, under the supervision of said United Synod, be it

*Resolved*, That our pastors be required to bring this matter before their respective congregations, and that the said congregations are advised to co-operate with their pastors in devising ways and means to raise not less than 10 cents per each communicant, by establishing congregational treasuries, or woman's societies, or whatever mode they may think the better for raising such amounts, and that the amounts be raised as soon as possible and sent to the Treasurer of our Synod, and the result be reported to the next meeting of our Synod.

On motion, our pastors and congregations are hereby

requested to take collections for Home and Foreign Missionary work.

The Committee on Examination read their report. After some discussion, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was added to the committee, and the report was recommitted.

Synod adjourned to meet on Tuesday at 9 A. M.—Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt.

## FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.,
AUGUST 30, 1887.

Divine services were conducted by Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline. House was called to order by the President. Roll called. The minutes of Monday were read, received, and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was received, read by the Secretary, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Treasurers' Reports.

### Report of the Treasurer of the E. L. Tenn. Synod.

J. K. EFIRD IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1886. | | DR. | |
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| Nov. | 12. | To amt. on hand from last year | $ 12 50 |
| " | 12. | To amt. received for Minutes | 34 65 |
| " | 12. | To R. A. Yoder's expenses as corresponding delegate, refunded by him | 5 00 |
| " | 12. | To amt. received from J. C. Moser | 7 00 |
| " | 12. | To amt. received from C. H. Bernheim's charge, for expenses to United Synod | 5 83 |
| Dec. | 11. | To amt. received from R. A. Yoder, for Minutes | 2 40 |
| " | 11. | To amt. received from P. C. Wike, for an ordination certificate | 25 |
| " | 11. | To amt. received from P. C. Wike, Synodical | 3 00 |
| 1887. | | | |
| Jan. | 22. | To cash received from J. A. Cromer, for Minutes | 2 00 |
| | | | $72 63 |

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| Dec. | 11. | To amt. received from Bethlehem Sunday-school, Virginia, A. L. Crouse's charge | $ 7 77 |
| 1887. | | | |
| Jan. | 8. | To amt. received from Zion Sunday-school, South Carolina, J. A. Cromer's charge | 3 00 |
| To amts. received from J. A. Cromer's charge, S. C.: | | | |
| Jan. | 22. | Zion | 3 00 |
| May | 3. | St. Peter (Meetze's) | 7 55 |
| May | 3. | Emmanuel | 1 40 |
| To amts. received from J. P. Smeltzer's charge, S. C.: | | | |
| May | 27. | St. Thomas | 3 63 |
| " | " | Bethlehem | 3 75 |
| " | " | St. Jacob | 5 20 |
| July | 3. | To cash received from St. Peter's (Piny Woods) Woman's Missionary Society | 10 50 |
| To amts. received from E. L. Lybrand's charge, S. C.: | | | |
| July | 9. | St. Paul | 11 50 |
| " | " | Cedar Grove | 10 40 |
| " | " | St. James | 3 10 |
| July | 31. | To cash received from St. Peter's (P. W.) Sunday-school | 3 83 |
| " | " | To cash received from St. Peter's (P. W.) congregation | 5 75 |
| June | 20. | To cash received from the W. H. and F. Missionary Society, St. John's Church | 12 00 |
| Total | | | $92 38 |

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| Nov. | 12. | By cash paid C. H. Bernheim on expenses to United Synod—vou. 2 | $15 95 |
| 1887. | | | |
| Feb. | 12. | By cash paid Henkel & Co. for printing and mailing 1200 copies of Tennessee Synod Minutes—vou. 1 | 56 00 |
| Feb. | 12. | By two registered letters and postage | 39 |
| Aug. | 15. | *By amt. on hand due the Synod* | 29 |
| | | | $72 63 |

HOME MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

| 1887. | | Cr. | |
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| Jan. | 21. | By one draft sent J. D. Cappleman—vou. 3.... | $ 3 00 |
| Feb. | 5. | " " " " " —vou. 4.... | 10 77 |
| May | 3. | " cash " " —vou. 5.... | 8 95 |
| May | 27. | " " " " —vou. 6.... | 12 58 |
| July | 9. | " " " " —vou. 7.... | 10 00 |
| July | 9. | " " " " —vou. 8.... | 25 00 |
| Aug. | 13. | " " " " —vou. 9.... | 10 08 |
| June | 20. | " cash sent J. D. Cappleman —vou. 10.. | 12 00 |
| Total | | | $92 38 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. EFIRD,
Treas. E. L. Tenn. Synod.

The following report was read by the chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church:

## Report of Committee on the State of the Church.

There being but one member of your committee present, appointed to report on the State of the Church, I respectfully submit the following:

Taking into consideration the extent of our entire field of labor, the number of congregations in our Synod, and the number of ordained ministers on our clerical roll, I think we are able to report considerable progress in the work which the good Lord has given us to do.

No. 1. In Virginia, there are unity and harmony among the ministers. Brotherly love prevails, and each one is disposed to look over the weaknesses of the other. All the churches are supplied with regular services. For the most part our pastorates are too large. More pastors are needed. Our people manifest greater life in church work. There is an increase of interest and zeal in all operations pertaining to the Master's Kingdom.

Sunday-school work and catechisation are receiving more attention than formerly. New church edifices have been, and are yet being, erected. New organizations are being effected, and mission work within the bounds of our Conference is properly cared for. In general benevolence there has been, I think, an improvement, and yet there is still room for more improvement.

The mission points in our Conference are Union Chapel, in Rockingham Co., Va., and Manassas, Prince William Co., Va.

I beg the privilege of calling the attention of Synod to the importance of looking after the interests of our Church in Alexandria and Norfolk. In the former city, there is a German but no English Church, while in the latter, there is no Lutheran Church at all.

No. 2. In North Carolina, there is unity of thought and feeling among our pastors and people, except in a few instances, where there are still Union Sunday-schools, notwithstanding the direction and advice of Synod to the contrary.

In our congregations a greater interest has been awakened in general benevolence, collections being taken in some congregations at every service. There is a more general diffusion of both literary and religious knowledge among our people.

No. 3. In South Carolina, the condition of our congregations is not as good as should be desired. Some of the members, I learn, are careless in attending the preaching of the Gospel, and still more so in bringing up their children in the good old Lutheran way. While this is the case with some, there is much to encourage us. The Sunday-schools are in a flourishing condition. Catechisation is practiced by our pastors, and these services are very well attended. The different benevolent works are receiving more attention than in the past.

Our scattered people are looked after and cared for. The rapidly declining health of our devoted Father in Israel, Dr. J. P. Smeltzer, has made it necessary for him to resign his pastorate. It is still vacant. All our other congregations are regularly supplied.

No. 4. In regard to the State of the Church in Alabama: The field as a mission point is important, yet the church there is not sufficiently strong in membership or financially able to offer a support to a minister. Through proper attention, Alabama seems to be a field now ripe to harvest, in which much good might be accomplished in establishing our dear Lutheran Church.

The following are important points at which there are members of our Church, viz.: Cleburne Co., Ala., 113 members, organized; Jacksonville, Calhoun Co., Ala., 26 members, organized; Aniston, Calhoun Co., Ala., number indefinite, not organized; Birmingham, Ala., number indefinite, not organized; Rome, Ga., number indefinite, not organized.

Owing to the inability of the brethren to extend a support to their pastor, Rev. D. A. Sox, who, under many disadvantages, has labored for four years, depending upon his own efforts outside of the church for a support, he has resigned the work there, and recommends the same to the care of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered item by item.

1. Item was complied with, and Alexandria and Norfolk were referred to the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod.

2. Item adopted.

3. Item complied with in adopting the report as a whole.

4. Item was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions read the following report:

## Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Your committee begs to report the following:

No. 1 is a petition from St. Peter's (P. W.) congregation, Lexington, S. C., asking that the next convention of Synod be held in its church. We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns, it meet in its next convention in St. Peter's (P. W.) Church, Lexington county, S. C., at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1888.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, President and Corresponding Delegate of the N. C. Synod, in which he conveys the fraternal greetings of that body, and asks our prayerful and kind attention to an important petition, which his Synod lays before us as follows:

"The kind Christian greetings I bring you are the outgrowth of the kind and fraternal relations existing between the worthy pastors and faithful members of your honorable body, residing in the 'Old North State,' as our ecclesiastical neighbors; yea, brethren, with us in the same household of faith.

The petition I present is an earnest request that your honorable body will, in view of the forming of 'the United Synod,' and in view of the pleasant relations thus made between us, as sister Synods, and in consonance with the whole movement to bring about more harmony, peace, unity, and strength, both local and general, in our dear Evang. Lutheran Church, South, grant the members of the North Carolina Conference, both clerical and lay, letters of honorable dismissal to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, that they may be one with us, not only in point of a confessional basis, but also one with us in corporate organization.

Will your honorable body grant this request, and thus bring about a union of brethren long desired? May the Holy Spirit guide all in this important matter!"

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That it is the sentiment of this body that such petition for transfer should proceed first from the North Carolina Conference of our Synod.

*Resolved*, That whilst we appreciate the cordial, fraternal spirit manifest in that action, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that, in view of the present condition of the Church in the South, and the relations which this Synod sustains to it, it would be inexpedient, as well as injudicious, to form such a union; especially, as it would result in disintegrating the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod—a Synod which has done so much towards sustaining and perpetuating the doctrines of the Church, and which, it seems, still has a mission to fill, and a history to perpetuate,—and particularly as there is no necessity for such union, since the relations between the two Synods are so fraternal as to prevent any conflict in the respective and legitimate work or operations of the two Synods, under the happy regulations established by them in the year 1883.

No. 3 is a paper from Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser, Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, in which he recommends:

(a) The appropriation of $75.00 to beneficiary J. P. Price, $75.00 to A. L. Bolick, and $125.00 to Wm. L. Darr;

(b) That the names of A. L. Sigman and N. G. Deal be dropped from our Minutes.

We offer the following:

*Resolved*, That these recommendations be sustained, and that our Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, to secure the repayment of any beneficiary moneys which have been paid to N. G. Deal.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. T Moser, in which he assigns as his reason for absence from this meeting, bodily infirmities and want of funds. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, in which he gives as reason for his absence, want of means to defray traveling expenses. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. D. Efird, in which he asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 7 is a letter from Rev. E. L. Lybrand, in which he assigns his reason for absence as want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, in which he assigns as his reason for absence, want of funds. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. J. C. Moser, in which he assigns as the principal reason for his absence, his labors in the school room. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. R. H. Cline, in which he assigns as reason for his absence, bad health. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. J. K. Efird, in which he assigns as the reason for absence, want of funds for traveling expenses. We recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
D. A. SOX,
HALEY MYERS.

The report was received and considered by items.

Item 1 was postponed.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4 was adopted.

Item 5, Rev. J. M. Smith was not excused.

Item 6, the recommendation was sustained, and Rev. D. Efird was excused.

Item 7, the recommendation was sustained, and Rev. E. L. Lybrand was excused.

Item 8, Rev. C. H. Bernheim was not excused.

Item 9 was adopted, and Rev. J. C. Moser was excused.

Item 10, Rev. R. H. Cline was excused.

Item 11, Rev. J. K. Efird was not excused.

On motion, Synod now considered the absentees.

Rev. Dr. J. P. Smeltzer was excused.

The following absent pastors were not excused: Revs. J. R. Peterson, L. A. Bikle, D. D., Prof. M. L. Little, D. A. Goodman, D. J. Settlemyer, and D. C. Huffman.

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following:

### Report of Committee on President's Report.

We have examined that paper, and find a few facts that demand the attention of this body.

1. The President having received a letter of honorable dismissal from Rev. B. S. Brown, of the North Carolina Synod, in view of having taken charge of Holy Trinity, at Hickory, and Zion's churches, N. C.,

in connection with this Synod, and desired to be installed, but as our Constitution and By-Laws are silent on the question of the President receiving ministers from other Synods, refers this matter to Synod, and recommends that the necessary steps be taken for his admission into our Synod; we recommend that this suggestion be sustained.

2. He recommends that, as the petition from the congregation in Jacksonville, Alabama, organized by Rev. D. A. Sox, asking for admission into our Synod, failed to reach Synod in time at its last session for action, Synod to take formal action in regard to receiving said congregation into our connection. We sustain this recommendation.

3. He also recommends that the time of the meeting of this Synod be fixed on a certain day, about the first Sunday of October, in each year.

4. With reference to the recommendation to hold the meetings of our Synod more frequently in North Carolina, we recommend that this be regarded as impracticable.

5. He recommends that Synod take under its care the special work of looking after the Alabama Mission, which has been for several years under the supervision of Rev. D. A. Sox. We refer this matter to the Committee on Home Missions.

I. CONDER,
A. L. CROUSE,
D. W. HAMMAN.

The report was received and considered by items.

Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Examination.

Item 2, the recommendation was sustained.

Item 3, the recommendation of the President was not sustained.

Item 4 was adopted as amended.

Item 5 was adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report:

## Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, submit the following:

1. On page 9, item 3, we find Committee on Monument continued, with instruction to complete the work. What has that committee done?

2. On page 16, we notice that it was required of the officers of conferences to report to Synod in regard to the mission work of their respective bodies. Are they ready to report?

3. On page 16, Res. 2, we find that a committee of three ministers was appointed to report at this meeting of Synod, a full line of text-

books, for use in our Sunday-schools. Has this committee complied with their duty?

4. On page 19, we find there was a committee appointed by Synod, consisting of Rev. R. A. Yoder, Messrs. M. L. Cline, and A. Costner, to visit and examine the college property of the Sisters of Mercy, at Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C., with a view of purchasing, if they could procure the funds. Have they discharged their duty?

5. On page 24, we find a resolution to the effect that the ministers be required to bring the question of Home and Foreign Missionary operations before their respective congregations, in order to raise funds to further the missionary cause, under the supervision of the United Synod of the South. Did they do this?

6. On page 24, we find a resolution making Revs. T. Moser and J. K. Efird, a committee to visit Concordia College, Conover, N. C., and to report its condition to next meeting of Synod. Have they performed their duty?

7. On same page, we find that the Committee on the Publication of the Book of Concord, was continued. Are they ready to report?

8. On same page, we find a committee, consisting of Revs. S. Henkel, A. L. Crouse, and Prof. M. L. Little, appointed to prepare a paper setting forth the importance of Church Discipline, and a form for its administration. Is this committee ready to report?

9. On same page, we find a resolution providing for a committee to be appointed by Synod to compile all the past acts of this Synod, needed by its members for guidance in their duties, for publication in the Minutes of Synod. Was this done?

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX,
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,
D. I. OFFMAN.

The report was received and its items were considered. Item 1, complied with, and the committee discharged.

## Report of Committee on Monument.

I, as your committee to collect funds and erect a suitable monument at the grave of Philip Henkel, dec'd, in Randolph Co., N. C., submit the following report:

I have succeeded in collecting funds to the amount of $31.06, and I have also had the work completed, and have placed a monument at his grave worth the amount above specified.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX.

Item 2, partially complied with, and the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the chairmen of the Executive Committees of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the Missionary work of their bodies during the year.

Item 3, nothing done. The committee was continued, the order of the committee being changed. Revs. Prof. J. S. Koiner, S. Henkel, D. D., and Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D., compose the committee.

In regard to item 4, the following report of last year's committee was adopted:

### Report of Committee to Visit Mt. St. Joseph's College, Hickory, North Carolina.

We, your committee, appointed at the last session of Synod, to visit the school property of the Sisters of Mercy, Hickory, N. C., with a view of purchasing the same for the use of the E. L. Tenn. Synod, and report to this convention of Synod, would beg leave to submit the following:

The committee, or two members of it, together with the ministers and delegates of the North Carolina Conference of the E. L. Tennessee Synod, then in session in Hickory, visited the grounds and buildings of that institution. All were well pleased with the location, grounds, &c. Thirteen acres, near the center of town, are enclosed, in the center of which, being the highest ground in Hickory, is situated the college building.

The committee regrets that it was not prepared to purchase, having no funds with which to purchase. No terms were proposed to your committee. Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
M. L. CLINE,
A. COSTNER.

Item 5, complied with for the most part.

Item 6 was not complied with, and a committee, composed of Revs. T. Moser and J. A. Rudisill, was appointed to visit Concordia College, Conover, N. C., and report its condition to the next convention of Synod.

Item 7, the committee was continued.

Item 8, not complied with, and Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner was substituted for Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

Item 9, complied with.

The report was adopted as amended.

The following paper, on the publication of the Smaller Catechism, was offered. The paper was received, and after some discussion was adopted:

### Publication—The Catechism.

WHEREAS, We learn that the last edition of Luther's Small Catechism, published by S. P. C. & C. C. Henkel, New Market, Va., is exhausted; and

WHEREAS, We need a good, reliable, Lutheran Catechism for our families, Sunday-schools, and catechumens, be it therefore

*Resolved* 1. That we recommend to Henkel & Co., New Market, Va., the propriety of publishing another edition of that Catechism;

2. That, in the event they publish such an edition, we advise our people, teachers, and ministers to use it in their families, Sunday-schools, and catechetical classes, and to give it such other circulation as it deserves.

The following report of a special committee was received for consideration:

### Delegates to United Synod.

We, your committee to appoint delegates to United Synod, submit the following:

**Virginia.**

| PRINCIPALS. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| Rev. S. Henkel, | Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, |
| " A. L. Crouse, | " I. Conder, |
| " J. P. Stirewalt. | " H. Wetzel. |
| LAY-DELEGATES. | LAY-DELEGATES. |
| Mr. D. S. Henkel, | Mr. A. L. Henkel, |
| " Wm. Coffman, | " Isaiah Printz, |
| " Philip Killian. | " Isaiah Bowman. |

**North Carolina.**

| PRINCIPALS. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| Rev. J. C. Moser, | Rev. M. L. Fox, |
| " R. A. Yoder, | " J. R. Peterson, |
| " P. C. Henkel, | " J. S. Koiner, |
| " W. P. Cline. | " J. A. Rudisill. |

| LAY-DELEGATES. | | LAY-DELEGATES. |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. James T. Miller, | | Mr. C. T. Sigman, |
| " John F. Moser, | | " Tobias Barnes, |
| " A. M. Huitt, | | " F. L. Herman, |
| " D. P. Boger. | | " D. M. Wyant. |
| PRINCIPALS. | **South Carolina.** | ALTERNATES. |
| Rev. J. K. Efird, | | Rev. Dr. J. P. Smeltzer, |
| " J. A. Cromer. | | " E. L. Lybrand. |
| LAY-DELEGATES. | | LAY-DELEGATES. |
| Maj. H. A. Meetze, | | Mr. P. S. Fulmer, |
| Dr. J. W. Eargle. | | " Lewis Shealey. |

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
J. N. STIREWALT,
J. A. CROMER.

Pending the discussion of this report, Synod adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction by Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox.

## SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.,
AUGUST 30, 1887.

House called to order. Roll was called.

The consideration of the pending discussion was postponed for one-half an hour.

The Committee on Missions read their report, as follows:

### Report of Committee on Missions.

We, the Committee on Missions, beg leave to call the attention of Synod to our church work in Alabama, which for four years has been under the pastoral care of Rev. D. A. Sox, but now rendered vacant by his recent resignation. We recommend:

First, That said work in Alabama be made a special mission field of this Synod.

Secondly, That this Synod put into said field, *as early as possible*, a missionary, and sustain him.

Thirdly, That by adopting this, Synod pledges herself to pay her missionary $300.00 per year.

Fourthly, That the mission be required to raise the other $200.00 of a salary of $500.00.

J. A. RUDISILL,
P. C. WIKE,
D. A. SOX.

The report was received and considered item by item.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4 was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and as amended.

On motion, the President and Secretary of Synod were made the Missionary Board of Synod.

The following resolution was offered, received, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That hereby Synod earnestly request her people in her mission field in Alabama, to make an earnest effort to aid her in supporting the missionary in their midst, and to heed his appeals for such aid.

The report of the committee, appointed to propose names of Delegates to the United Synod, was adopted as amended; the name of Prof. J. F. Moser being substituted for that of Mr. John F. Lippard.

On motion, Rev. C. Beard was granted the privilege of making some remarks on the Staunton Female Seminary.

The Committee on Examination read their report.—The report was adopted. Afterward, it was moved to reconsider the report. The motion prevailed, and the report was recommitted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this body are due, and hereby expressed, to the members of this congregation, and other friends of this community, for the courteous and kind entertainment which we have enjoyed during this convention of the Synod.

Also, our thanks are hereby expressed to the officers of the B. & O. R. R., and the Shenandoah Valley R. R., for favors granted to members of this body.

The following is the Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report:

### Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

I, the committee appointed to examine and audit the report of the Treasurer of the Synod, find all credits in the Synodical Treasurer's Report correct, and approved by vouchers and statements.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ZIRKLE.

The report was received and adopted.

The following, from Minutes of 1886, page 25, was substituted for the preamble and resolutions offered by the Committee on Theological Study in Concordia College:

In regard to Theological Instruction at Concordia College, Conover, N. C., it was moved that Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner continue to devote a portion of his time to such instruction, and that the College Board pay him in proportion to the labor he performs, out of the funds which have been or may be raised for such purpose, and paid into the hands of the Treasurer of College.

Synod adjourned to meet on Wednesday, at 9 A. M. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Fox, M. D.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.,
AUGUST 31, 1887.

Divine services were conducted by Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline.

House was called to order by the President. On motion, roll call was dispensed with. The minutes of Tuesday were read, received, and adopted.

It was moved, that it be made the duty of Rev. A. L. Crouse, to ascertain the amount due the United Synod by the Tennessee Synod, report to the President of this Synod, and that the President issue an order on the Treasurer for the amount.

The motion prevailed.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was taken up, and the item referred was considered. After mature consideration, the item was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Examination read the following report:

## Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee on Examination, would beg leave to submit the following:

We have had an interview with Rev. B. S. Brown, who is in charge of two congregations in connection with our Synod, and who comes with a letter of honorable dismissal from the President of the North Carolina Synod to our Synod, asking admission into the E. L. Tenn. Synod.

The committee cannot consistently recommend his reception into our Synod; because his views on the formula of the administration of the Holy Lord's Supper, on self-administration of the Lord's Supper, and on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, do not accord with the principles of this Synod as laid down in the Summit Rule, and since defined by the resolution adopted at Conover in 1883, and at Dallas in 1886.

And we further recommend, that the President of the E. L. Tenn. Synod return to Rev. B. S. Brown his letter of honorable dismissal, and that it be accompanied with the reasons for this action of Synod.

We, your Committee on Examination, would recommend the name of Mr. Jacob Wike, as an applicant for beneficiary aid. The young man has not appeared before the committee in person, but is well known to several of the committee; one being his pastor. He is a young man of good moral character, has made considerable progress in his studies, and is a good student. We recommend that the sum of $75.00 be appropriated for his use during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
R. A. YODER,
J. N. STIREWALT,
S. HENKEL.

The report was received and considered by items.

Item 1 was adopted as amended.

Item 2 was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, Parochial Reports were read.

The Secretary was instructed, by Synod, to have 1200 copies of the Minutes of this convention of the Synod printed.

Synod dispensed with the election of delegates to other synods only for this year.

The delegates appointed, last year, by this Synod to other synods, were called upon to report, and it was found that they had partially performed their duties.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Concordia College be required to forward his report to the next convention of this Synod.

It was moved that our pastors be requested, and they are hereby required, to take up at an early day collections to defray the traveling expenses of delegates to the United Synod, and pay or report the amount to the Treasurer of Synod, and that he pay said expenses proportionately.

The minutes as read and corrected were adopted. Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place designated. Prayer and benediction by Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
SEC'Y EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

## Religious Services.

Saturday, 11 A. M., August 27.—Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Ps. 32, 5.

Sunday, 11 A. M., August 28.—Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Ps. 127, 1.

Sunday, 11 A. M., August 28.—Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline, Eph. 4, 30, in the Parochial School building.

Sunday, 7 P. M., August 28.—Rev. D. A. Sox, Matt. 27, 51. After the sermon addresses were delivered by the *pastor loci*, Rev. A. L. Crouse, and Rev. L. K. Probst, of Charleston, S. C., on the important work of Home and Foreign Mission Work, and a collection was taken for that purpose.

Monday, 11 A. M., August 29.—Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., Luke 22, 19–20, after which confession and absolution were attended to by the *pastor loci*, and the holy communion was administered to a goodly number of God's believing children.

Monday, 7 P. M., August 29.—Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Heb. 3, 2.

Tuesday, 11 A. M., August 30.—Rev. P. C. Wike, John 21, 15.

Tuesday, 7 P. M., August 30.—Rev. J. A. Cromer, Matt. 22, 14.

## Order of Business.

### First Day.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### Other Days.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## List of Churches in Connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

### Alabama.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael.

CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### South Carolina.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Emmanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas.

RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew.

### North Carolina.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.

ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Pisgah.

BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.

CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Lutz.

CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Lutheran Union.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

### Virginia.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—Bethlehem, St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. William, Fairview, Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

# PAROCHIAL REPORT

| PASTORS.* | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Letters. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday Schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Removals. | Synodical. | Beneficiary Educat'n. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. | Theological Professorship. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rev. H. Wetzel† | 1841 | 2 | 45 | ..... | 1 | 7 | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D. | 1843 | 2 | 400 | 800 | ... | 48 | 43 | 5 | 14 | ... | 1 | 8 | 100 | ... | $1.10 | $12.00 | $250.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev J. R. Peterson | 1843 | 4 | 178 | 200 | ... | 13 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | ... | .... | ... | 4.00 | 10.00 | 250.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. T. Moser | 1844 | 3 | 135 | 290 | ... | 4 | 5 | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | ... | .. . | ... | 2.00 | 2.60 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. D. Efird‡ | 1847 | ... | .... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D.‡ | 1848 | ... | .... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. S. Henkel, D. D. | 1850 | 2 | 268 | 540 | 3 | 17 | 7 | 2 | 13 | ... | 1 | 10 | 72 | ... | 3.00 | 12.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. C. H. Bernheim | 1855 | 4 | 285 | ..... | ... | 24 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | .... | ... | 2.10 | ..... | 300.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. J. M. Smith | 1856 | 2 | 306 | 608 | ... | 14 | 1 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.50 | 6.00 | 150.00 | .. | ..... |
| Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D. | 1858 | 1 | 65 | ..... | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 3 | ... | 1 | 10 | 85 | 2 | 3 00 | 11.53 | ..... | .... | ..... |
| Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D.‡ | 1859 | ... | .... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. I. Conder | 1861 | 4 | 138 | 193 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | ... | 5 | 25 | 191 | ... | 1.00 | ..... | 200.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. J. N. Stirewalt | 1871 | 5 | 474 | 775 | 8 | 22 | 36 | ... | 16 | ... | 4 | 42 | 340 | ... | 3.20 | 10.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. M. L. Fox, M. D. | 1871 | 3 | 125 | 230 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | 16 | 100 | ... | 1.70 | 4.35 | 80.00 | ..... | $ 2.15 |
| Rev. A. L. Crouse | 1871 | 1 | 90 | 167 | ... | 3 | 2 | ... | 3 | ... | 1 | 16 | 68 | 1 | 1.50 | 10.00 | 260.50 | $ 500.00 | 10.00 |
| Rev. J. P. Stirewalt | 1873 | 4 | 500 | 900 | 4 | 37 | 8 | 5 | 21 | ... | 2 | 19 | 125 | ... | 4.40 | 20.00 | 500.00 | 775.00 | ..... |
| Rev. J. C. Moser | 1873 | 3 | 325 | 560 | ... | 15 | 4 | 1 | 4 | ... | 3 | 22 | 150 | ... | 2.50 | 30.00 | 550 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. M. L. Little‡ | 1873 | ... | .... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

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| Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck | 1877 | 5 | 295 | ..... | 9 | 6 | 10 | ... | 6 | ... | 2 | 10 | 180 | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. J. K. Efird | 1877 | 2 | 500 | 1000 | ... | 26 | 11 | ... | 8 | ... | 2 | 14 | 177 | ... | $2.50 | ..... | $310.00 | $ 42.00 | ..... |
| Rev. J. A. Cromer | 1877 | 4 | 352 | 642 | 1 | 20 | 23 | 1 | 3 | ... | 5 | 32 | 310 | 1 | ..... | $15.00 | 260.00 | 14.00 | $ .50 |
| Rev. E. L. Lybrand | 1877 | 4 | 420 | 650 | ... | 35 | 6 | 7 | 10 | ... | 4 | 20 | 240 | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. R. A. Yoder | 1879 | 3 | 420 | 700 | 2 | 17 | 7 | ... | 8 | ... | 1 | 8 | 80 | ... | 2.40 | 21.00 | 500.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. J. S. Koiner | 1881 | 1 | 46 | 65 | ... | 2 | .... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | .... | ... | .30 | 2.30 | 55.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. W. P. Cline | 1881 | 5 | 400 | 700 | 3 | 23 | 2 | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | 8 | 75 | ... | 4.40 | 10.00 | ..... | 100.00 | ..... |
| Rev. D. A. Goodman | 1882 | 3 | 79 | ..... | ... | 9 | 1 | ... | 7 | ... | 2 | 6 | 84 | ... | ..... | ..... | 400.00 | 10.00 | ..... |
| Rev. D. A. Sox | 1883 | 2 | 69 | 137 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 35 | ... | ..... | 3.00 | 30.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. J. A. Rudisill | 1883 | 4 | 585 | 1225 | 3 | 33 | 3 | 4 | 19 | ... | 4 | 28 | 225 | 3 | 2.30 | 12.30 | 400.00 | 1500.00 | ..... |
| Rev. D. J. Settlemyer | 1883 | 2 | 258 | 318 | 2 | 26 | 6 | ... | 5 | ... | 2 | 12 | 100 | ... | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. R. H. Cline | 1885 | 3 | 190 | 400 | ... | 5 | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ..... | 8.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rev. P. C. Wike | 1886 | 5 | 317 | 603 | 6 | 23 | 32 | 2 | 6 | ... | 3 | 19 | 200 | ... | 3.70 | 22.51 | 480 00 | 200.00 | 3.17 |
| Rev. D. C. Huffman‡ | ..... | ... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

*This is only a ten months' report for all the Pastors. †One a Mission. ‡No report furnished Secretary.

## Standing Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

*Resolved*, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved*, That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday schools in all their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the Synodical year, to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and the congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved*, That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved*, That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved*, That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved*, That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our Ministers to ask their Congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved*, That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved*, That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved*, That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved*, That the officers of the Conferences be required to make, to each meeting of Synod, a full report of the Missionary Work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved*, That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

*Resolved*, That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

Whereas, It is meet and right, that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved*, That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved*, That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved*, That, with a view of establishing proper relations between Concordia College, situated at Conover, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, we, in meeting assembled, agree, 1. that, whenever a vacancy, or vacancies, occur, either by death, resignation, or removal, in the Board of Trustees or in the Faculty, the said Synod shall have the right as well as the privilege to recommend a suitable person, or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies; 2. that the Synod shall have the right to appoint a Board of Visitors, whose duty it shall be annually

to visit said school, and make such report of the condition of the school to each session of the Synod, as may be deemed most advantageous; 3. that it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to make a report annually to Synod, relative to moral and literary condition of the school, which report shall also be signed by the secretary of the faculty; 4. that the President of the Board of Trustees shall also make an annual report to Synod, in regard to the financial condition of the school, which report shall likewise be signed by the secretary of the Board of the Trustees; 5. that this school shall be continued and conducted as a church institution, under such rules and regulations, as may be instituted by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the charter, and the Confessions of the Church as set forth in the Christian Book of Concord, each teacher, instructor, or professor, taking an obligation not to teach anything in said school that is contrary to said Confessions.

These stipulations or propositions shall be valid and in force, provided the said Synod shall acquiesce, and is disposed to lend said institution its fostering care and encouragement, as well as its influence and moral force; provided, that if the Synod shall fail, after notice, to recommend, in due time, a suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the proper authorities of said institution, shall proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

*Resolved*, That we, as a Synod, accept the propositions made to us by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and that in consideration of the rights and privileges therein granted, we will lend to said institution our fostering care, influence, and moral support.—*See Minutes of* 1883, *page* 18.

*Resolved*, That our beneficiaries and students of theology shall neither preach nor absent themselves from their recitations without special permission of the faculty of Concordia College, and that we advise that they preach not more than once a month.

*Resolved*, That the officers of each church within our bounds be requested to see, that each member of their congregation and Sunday-school pay at least 5 cents per annum into the beneficiary fund.

*Resolved*, That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

## Theological Course for Private Students.

Horne's Introduction, Kurtz's Sacred History, Kurtz's Church History, Hutter's Compend, Book of Concord, (Henkel, First Edition), Book of Concord, (Jacob's Edition, 1882), Knapp's Theology, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Schmidt's Dogmatics, Mann's Schmidt's Ethics, Vinet's Homiletics, Ripley's Sacred Rhetoric, Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

Instruction must be given in Liturgics, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

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# MINUTES

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# STANDING COMMITTEES.

*ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.*

REV. PROF. M. L. LITTLE, REV. J. P. STIREWALT, AND REV. E. L. LYBRAND.

*ON EXAMINATION.*

REVS. P. C. HENKEL, D. D., A. L. CROUSE, PROF. R. A. YODER, J. P. STIREWALT, J. K. EFIRD, AND E. L. LYBRAND.

# PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Friday, 10 A. M., before the second Sunday in November, 1889, in Holly Grove Church, Davidson County, N. C.

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## FIRST SESSION.

ST. PETER'S (P. W.) CHURCH,
LEXINGTON COUNTY, S. C.,
DECEMBER 1ST, 1888.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in her sixty-eighth annual convention with St. Peter (Piny Wood) congregation, Lexington county, S. C., at 11 A. M., Dec. 1, 1888. The President, Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, preached the opening sermon from Eph. 4, 15. The Secretary, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, being absent, Rev. A. L. Crouse was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The ministerial roll was called, and the names of the pastors present noted. The roll of congregations was called, and the names of delegates present enrolled.

### CLERICAL ROLL.

| PASTORS. | POSTOFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D.* | Conover, N. C. |
| " J. R. Peterson* | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser* | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D. | New Market, Va. |
| " H. Wetzel* | Woodstock, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim | Conover, N. C. |
| " D. Efird | Lexington, S. C. |
| " J. M. Smith | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D.† | Dallas, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D.* | Luray, Va. |

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.

Rev. I. Conder* . . . . . McGaheysville, Va.
" J. N. Stirewalt . . . . . Stony Man, Va.
" A. L. Crouse . . . . . Orkney Springs, Va.
" J. P. Stirewalt* . . . . . New Market, Va.
" Prof. M. L. Little* . . . . . Dallas, N. C.
" J. C. Moser . . . . . Hickory, N. C.
" J. K. Efird . . . . . Rightwell, S. C.
" J. A. Cromer . . . . . Columbia, S. C.
" E. L. Lybrand . . . . . Summit Point, S. C.
" Prof. R. A. Yoder . . . . . Conover, N. C.
" " J. S. Koiner . . . . . Conover, N. C.
" " D. A. Sox . . . . . Conover, N. C.
" D. A. Goodman † . . . . . Happy Home, N. C.
" J. W. Hausenfluck † . . . . . Alma, Va.
" Prof. W. P. Cline . . . . . Ilex, N. C.
" D. J. Settlemyre † . . . . . New Sterling, N. C.
" J. A. Rudisill . . . . . Henry, N. C.
" Prof. R. H. Cline . . . . . China Grove, N. C.
" P. C. Wike . . . . . Maurertown, Va.
" D. C. Huffman* . . . . . Hickory, N. C.
" J. P. Price ‡ . . . . . Bost's Mills, N. C.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Prof. J. F. Moser . . . . . Conover, N. C.
D. I. Offman . . . . . New Market, Va.
J. J. Shenk . . . . . Luray, Va.

## BENEFICIARIES.

A. L. Bolick . . . . . Conover, N. C.
Jacob Wike . . . . . Conover, N. C.
W. L. Darr . . . . . Conover, N. C.
J. J. George . . . . . Conover, N. C.

## LAY-DELEGATES.

C. M. Efird—Zion, S. C.
G. A. Kaminer—St. Peter (M.), S. C.
E. J. Price—St. Paul, S. C.
E. Swygert—Cedar Grove, S. C.
A. E. Craps—St. James, S. C.
E. J. Sox—Emmanuel, S. C.
A. G. Mayer—St. Peter (P. W.), S. C.

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.
‡ Ordained this meeting.

J. W. Summer—St. John, S. C.
J. J. George—St. Jacob, S. C.
J. P. Coogler—Bethlehem, S. C.
J. D. Wessinger—St. Thomas, S. C.
A. Ellinger—St. Andrew, S. C.
J. M. Harward—St. Martin, Lutheran Union, St. Martin, N. C.
D. F. Propst—St. James.
J. L. Yount—Concordia, N. C.
E. A. Smith—St. John, St. Paul, Bethel, N. C.
J. W. Sain—Sardis, Trinity, Bethphage, Daniel, N. C.
J. A. Darr—Pilgrim, N. C.
A. M. Young—Beck's, N. C.
Haley Myers—Emmanuel, N. C.
A. R. Beck—New Jerusalem, N. C.
Wm. Grimes—Holly Grove, N. C.
A. C. Stroup—Lutheran Chapel, N. C.
Carroll H. Little—Antioch, College Chapel, N. C.
Eli D. Fry—Sharon, St. Martin, N. C.
C. B. Sikes—Morning Star, Emmanuel, Monroe Mission.
Jacob S. Lipe—St. Mark, Phanuel, Mt. Moriah, N. C.
W. Laminack—St. Michael, Ala.

The President, Rev. J. S. Koiner, read his report, which was held for reference to the proper committee.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Tennessee Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:*

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Assembled once more in Synodical Convention as representatives of congregations of our Lutheran Church, to deliberate on the affairs and interests of the flock of God which is among us, and on plans and means for the furthering of the work intrusted to us, we have reason humbly to thank God that he has spared our lives, bestowed upon us countless benefits out of his fatherly goodness and mercy, and led us again to greet each other face to face in order to exchange sentiments and feelings and to receive mutual encouragement in our labors. We have reason also, to ask him for the precious gift of his Holy Spirit, to enable us all to do and say every thing at this meeting with godly fear, love, and trust.

Since our last convention, our pastors have preached the Word in the congregations committed to their charge and have done the work of evangelists. Some new congregations have been organized and new churches have been erected, while many precious souls have been baptized into Christ, and many have been taught to observe the things

he has commanded. Though much remains undone, we have cause to praise the Lord, take courage and press forward. But we have to lament the loss of two of our small number of preachers, Revs. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., and Dr. M. L. Fox, having been removed from labors on earth to eternal rest. We are admonished that there is no abiding here and that soon we shall have to give an account of our stewardship.

Various pastoral changes have been made. Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser, having been called to the pastorate of Holy Trinity (at Hickory) and Zion congregations, Catawba Co., N. C., resigned the pastoral charge of St. John's and Concordia in the same county, in December, and entered upon his labors in the churches first named. St. John's has been served by Rev. J. M. Smith, and Concordia by myself up to this time.

In March, Rev. C. H. Bernheim informed me that he had taken charge of St. Timothy, a recently organized congregation near Conover, North Carolina.

In May, Rev. T. Moser wrote me that he had resigned his pastoral charge, consisting of our three congregations in Cabarrus and Stanley counties, N. C., on account of the state of his health. He also stated that this charge had extended a call to Mr. J. P. Price, one of our candidates for the ministry.

In June, Rev. A. L. Crouse informed me that he had resigned Bethlehem congregation at Ladd, Va. Later, I learned that he had taken charge of congregations in Shenandoah Co., Va.

In July, Rev. J. K. Efird wrote me that he had received a call from St. Jacob's and St. Thomas' congregation, Lexington Co., S. C., stating also that his work would be too great, if extended to comprise these congregations in addition to those he had been serving. Later, he informed me that a pastor was desired by the charge formerly composed of these two churches with Bethlehem.

In November, Rev. P. C. Wike informed me that he had resigned Zion, Shenandoah County, Va., in favor of a call to be given Rev. A. L. Crouse.

Nov. 23, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt wrote me that he had taken charge of a congregation which he recently organized near Orkney Springs, Va. He stated that a church had been built and consecrated.

According to direction of Synod, I returned to Rev. B. S. Brown his letter of honorable dismissal from the President of the North Carolina Synod, together with a statement of the reasons why he was not admitted to membership by this Synod.

In the Summer, I learned through information from our Treasurer, that the amounts needed to pay the debts of our Synod had not passed into his hands, and that there was no money in the treasury.

Through the columns of *Our Church Paper*, I then asked the attention of our brethren throughout the Synod to the duty of contributing to pay the expenses of the work of the Church in which the Synod is engaged. I hope it may appear at this meeting that our pastors and people generally have been active in the service of truth and love, and that no pledge of the Synod remains unredeemed.

Oct. 21, 1887, I gave an order on our Treasurer to pay the Treasurer of the United Synod South $12.40,—as directed by Synod.

I gave orders on the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund in favor of Messrs. J. P. Price, Wm. L. Darr, A. L. Bolick, and Jacob Wike, for the several amounts appropriated by Synod for their use.

Mr. J. J. George, of Lexington Co., S. C., has signified his purpose of asking aid of Synod, as a beneficiary student. His pastor, Rev. J. K. Efird, vouches for his personal worth, and I ask the attention of Synod to his case, if presented.

Rev. I. Conder has recently written to me touching a revision of the form of our Parochial Report. I recommend that a committee be appointed to present this matter to Synod, in convenient form for consideration.

I respectfully recommend that our "Theological Course for Private Students," be placed in the hands of a committee with instructions to prepare and present to Synod a revision of the same.

I also respectfully recommend that the Synod request each of these Conferences to transmit through its President, a written report of its missionary work and whatever other things require the attention of Synod, to the President of the Synod at least four weeks before its annual meeting.

May the Spirit of the Lord quicken and strengthen us and grant us light and peace during this convention. Establish thou, Lord, the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it!

J. S. KOINER.

Nov. 27, 1888.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election resulted as follows:

Rev. J. C. Moser, President.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, Secretary.

Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline, Corr. Secretary.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Treasurer.

Synod adjourned for dinner. Benediction by President.

## SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2.30 P. M.

The Synod was called to order, the roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

On motion, all Lutheran ministers present were recognized and invited to seats within the bar of Synod, with the privilege of debate. Revs. C. A. Marks, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, M. J. Epting, and Prof. J. B. Fox were announced. Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, delegate from the S. C. Synod, presented his credentials and was received. The President announced the following

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On State of the Church.*—Rev. Prof. M. L. Little, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, and Rev. E. L. Lybrand.

*On Examination.*—Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., Rev. A. L. Crouse, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Rev. J. K. Efird, and Rev. E. L. Lybrand.

### COMMITTEES TO REPORT DURING THIS CONVENTION.

I. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. P. C. Wike, J. A. Cromer, and Mr. J. S. Lipe.

II. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. Prof. W. P. Cline, D. A. Sox, and Mr. J. J. George.

III. *On President's Report.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., C. H. Bernheim, and Mr. J. L. Yount.

IV. *On Treasurer's Reports.*—Revs. J. A. Rudisill, J. K. Efird, and Mr. E. A. Smith.

V. *On Church Institutions.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, E. L. Lybrand, and J. N. Stirewalt.

VI. *On Missions.*—Revs. J. S. Koiner, Prof. R. A. Yoder, and R. H. Cline.

Letters and other papers for Synod were called for and handed to a committee, consisting of Revs. R. A. Yoder and W. P. Cline, for classification.

The following reports were read and referred to their committee: Report of Rev. J. C. Moser, Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund; Report of Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Assistant Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund; Report of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Treasurer; Report of Mr. Jonas Hunsucker, Treasurer of the Theological Fund.

## TREASURER'S REPORT—BENEFICIARY FUND.

J. C. MOSER, TREASURER OF THE BENEFICIARY FUND,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1887. | | DR. | |
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| | | To balance on hand as per report made to Synod last year . . . | $ 34 72 |
| Sept. | 12. | To amount from Rev. P. C. Henkel's pastorate: St. Peter's, $2 00; St. Stephen's, $10 00; May 17, '88, St. Peter's, $2 86 . . . . . | 14 86 |
| Oct. | 4. | To amt. from Rev. J. M. Smith's pastorate: Bethel, $4 60; St. Paul's, $4 00; May 17, '88, Bethel, $2 00 | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. S. Henkel, Assistant Treasurer . . | 25 00 |
| Oct. | 29. | To amt. from Rev. C. H. Bernheim's pastorate: Friendship, $2 00; Salem, $3 75; Pisgah, $1 83; Philadelphia, $3 90 . . . . . | 11 48 |
| Nov. | 12. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Cromer's pastorate: Zion, $5 00; St. Peter's, $5 00; Emmanuel, $3 00; St. Andrew's, $2 00 . . . . . | 15 00 |
| Dec. | 20. | To amt. from Rev. J. R. Peterson's pastorate: Christ's, $8 15; Mt. Holly, $3 00; St. Luke's, $2 00 . . . . | 13 15 |
| 1888. | | | |
| Jan. | 2. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Moser's pastorate: Newton, $5 00; Concordia, $10 00; Concordia Sunday-school, $5 00 . . . . . | 20 00 |
| Jan. | 3. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's pastorate: St. James, $10 00; Salem, $6 00; Grace, $5 00 . . . . . | 21 00 |
| Jan. | 24. | To amt. from Rev. S. Henkel, Assistant Treasurer . | 50 25 |
| Mar. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Rudisill's pastorate: Sardis, $1 70; Trinity, $2 56; Daniel's, $3 50; Bethphage, $4 44 . . . . . | 12 20 |
| Mar. | 9. | To amt. from Rev. W. P. Cline's pastorate . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Mar. | 10. | To amt. from Rev. J. S. Koiner's pastorate: Lutheran Chapel . . . . . | 2 30 |

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| Mar. | 24. | To amt. from Rev. D. J. Settlemyre's pastorate: Sharon, $8.00; July 27th, St. Martin's, $8 00 . . . | $ 16 00 |
| Apr. | 7. | To amt. from Rev. R. H. Cline's pastorate . . . . . | 8 00 |
| May | 6. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Moser's pastorate: Holy Trinity, $10 00; Zion, $7 00; Mr. S. A. Hawn, .50 | 17 50 |
| July | 10. | To amt. from Rufus Mosteller . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Oct. | 11. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Wike's pastorate: $26 00; | |
| Oct. | 31. | " " " " " $4 00 | 30 00 |
| Oct. | 16. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's pastorate: St. James, $10 00 . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 16. | To amt. from Rev. J. S. Koiner's pastorate: Concordia, $10 00 . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 30. | To amt. from Rev. C. H. Bernheim's pastorate: Philadelphia, $8 23; Shiloh, $4 85; Dec. 1st, St. Timothy, $3 86; Friendship, $6 76; Salem, $4 52 . | 28 22 |
| Oct. | 31. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Henkel's pastorate: St. Stephen's, $5 39; St. Peter's, $2 96 . . . . . | 8 35 |
| Nov. | 2. | To amt. from Rev. J. R. Peterson's pastorate: Christ's, $8 50; Mt. Holly, $6 50 . . . . . | 15 00 |
| | | | $388 03 |
| | | | 350 00 |
| | | To balance on hand . . . . . | $38 03 |

| 1887. | | Cr. | |
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| Oct. | 24. | By cash to Jacob Wike . . . . . | $ 25 00 |
| Nov. | 4. | " " A. L. Bolick . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Nov. | 14. | " " W. L. Darr . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Nov. | 18. | " " J. P. Price . . . . . | 25 00 |
| 1888. | | | |
| Jan. | 3. | By cash to J. P. Price . . . . . | 20 00 |
| Jan. | 4. | " " W. L. Darr . . . . . | 20 00 |
| Jan. | 10. | " " Jacob Wike . . . . . | 20 00 |
| Jan. | 30. | " " W. L. Darr . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Mar. | 10. | " " J. P. Price . . . . . | 25 00 |
| April | 6. | " " W. L. Darr . . . . . | 20 00 |
| May | 17. | " " Jacob Wike . . . . . | 25 00 |
| May | 17. | " " J. P. Price . . . . . | 5 00 |
| May | 18. | " " A. L. Bolick . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Sept. | 15. | " " A. L. Bolick . . . . . | 15 00 |
| Oct. | 13. | " " W. L. Darr . . . . . | 15 00 |
| Oct. | 16. | " " A. L. Bolick . . . . . | 25 00 |

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| Oct. | 16. | By cash to Jacob Wike . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Oct. | 31. | " " W. L. Darr . . . . . | 20 00 |
| | | | $350 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER.

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## REPORT OF ASSISTANT TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

SOCRATES HENKEL, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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| 1887. | | DR. | | |
| Aug. | 23. | To balance on hand at previous settlement, Aug. 23, | | $ 25 57 |
| " | 31. | To amt. from Emmanuel Church, S. Henkel's charge | | 8 00 |
| " | 31. | To amt. from Morning Star, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge . . . . . | | 2 00 |
| " | 31. | To amts. from Rev. P. C. Wike's charge: St. Jacob's, $3.50; St. Paul's, $2.50; St. Stephen's, $1.95; Zion's, $6.56; St. Matthew's, $8.00 . . . . . | | 22 51 |
| " | 31. | To amt. from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge . . . . . | | 4 51 |
| " | 31. | To amt. from Rev. M. L. Fox's charge . . . . . | | 4 35 |
| Oct. | 4. | To amt. from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge . . . . . | | 20 00 |
| " | 5. | To amt. from Mt. Zion, S. Henkel's charge . . . . | | 4 50 |
| 1888. | | | | |
| Jan. | 2. | To amts. from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge: Mt. Calvary, $3.00; Grace, $2.10 . . . . . | | 5 10 |
| " | 2. | To amt. from Mrs. Mary Henkel . . . . . | | 1 00 |
| Nov. | 21. | To amt. from Bethel, per Rev. Crouse . . . . . | | 1 50 |
| " | 24. | To amt. from Mt. Zion, S. Henkel's charge . . . . | | 4 00 |
| " | 26. | To amt. from Emmanuel's, S. Henkel's charge . . | | 8 00 |
| | | | | $111 04 |
| " | 27. | To amt. from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge . . . . | | 16 00 |
| | | | | $127 04 |
| 1887. | | CR. | | |
| Oct. | 3. | By postal money order to Rev. J. C. Moser, Treasurer . . . . . | $25 00 | |
| 1888. | | | | |
| Jan. | 20. | By amt. paid Rev. J. C. Moser, Treasurer. . . . | 50 25 | |
| | | | | 75 25 |
| Nov. | 27. | To balance due Synod . . . . . | | $51 79 |

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. N. STIREWALT, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1887. | | DR. | | |
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| August | 30. | To amount from former Treasurer | $ | 30 |
| " | 30. | To amount in the hands of Henkel & Co., not reported by former treasurer | | 9 33 |
| " | 30. | To amount received for minutes | | 45 20 |
| " | 30. | To amounts paid Henkel & Co., for minutes | | 15 78 |
| | | Total amount | $ | 70 61 |
| 1887. | | | | |
| October | 8. | To printing and binding twelve hundred copies—40 pages—of minutes | $ | 66 00 |
| " | 8. | To postage, express, &c., on minutes | | 7 23 |
| | | Total cost of minutes | $ | 73 23 |
| 1887. | | | | |
| October | 30. | By amt. paid Henkel & Co. for printing, mailing, expressing, &c., 1200 copies of Tennessee Synod Minutes | $ | 36 30 |
| 1888. | | | | |
| January | 2. | By amt. paid Henkel & Co., on printing Minutes | | 5 20 |
| Feb. | 20. | By amt. paid Henkel & Co., on printing Minutes | | 4 00 |
| " | 20. | By amt. in hands of Henkel & Co. | | 9 33 |
| " | 20. | By amt. in hands of Henkel & Co. | | 15 78 |
| | | Total amt. paid on printing | $ | 70 61 |
| | | To balance due Henkel & Co. | $ | 2 62 |

### HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

| 1887. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| August | 30. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. I. Conder's charge | $ | 3 00 |
| " | 30. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. M. L. Fox's charge | | 3 20 |
| Oct. | 10. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. W. P. Cline's charge | | 15 00 |
| " | 31. | To amt. rec'd from Emmanuel Church S. S., per E. O. Henkel, Rev. S. Henkel's charge | | 2 56 |
| " | 31. | To amt. rec'd from Mt. Zion church, Rev. S. Henkel's charge | | 2 50 |
| " | 31. | To amt. rec'd from Emmanuel, per S. A. Henkel, Rev. S. Henkel's charge | | 4 00 |

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| Nov. | 1. | To amt. rec'd from St. Mark's church, Rev. J. I. Miller's charge | $ 7 00 |
| " | 21. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. T. Moser's charge | 2 00 |
| 1888. | | | |
| Feb. | 13. | To amt. rec'd from Mt. Nebo church, per G. A. Sommers | 2 30 |
| June | 6. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge | 4 00 |
| August | 31. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. I. Conder's charge | 3 12½ |
| 1887. | | | |
| August | 24. | To amt. rec'd from S. S. Convention in S. C. | 7 25 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd for Home Missions | $55 93½ |

HOME MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1887. | | | | |
| Nov. | 27. | By one draft sent J. D. Cappelmann | $ 39 01 | |
| 1888. | | | | |
| March | 2. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann | 2 27 | |
| June | 9. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann | 3 93 | |
| Sept. | 3. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann | 3 07½ | |
| 1887. | | | | |
| August | 24. | By amt. from S. S. Convention in S. C., paid J. D. Cappelmann by H. A. Meetze | 7 25 | |
| | | By amt. paid for draft, postal orders, postage, &c. | 40 | |
| | | Total amount paid for Home Missions | | $ 55 93½ |

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1887. | | | |
| August | 30. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. M. L. Fox's charge | $ 2 50 |
| October | 31. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge, | 7 43 |
| 1888. | | | |
| Feb. | 13. | To amt. rec'd from Mt. Nebo church, per G. A. Sommers | 2 30 |
| August | 20. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. I. Conder's charge | 3 12½ |
| | | Total amt. rec'd for Foreign Missions | $15 35½ |

FOREIGN MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1888. | | | | |
| January | 7. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann | $ 9 75 | |
| Sept. | 3. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann | 3 07½ | |
| March | 2. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann | 2 27 | |
| | | By amt. paid for postal orders and postage | 26 | |
| | | Total amt. paid out for Foreign Missions | | $15 35½ |

UNITED SYNOD EXPENSES.

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| 1887. | | | |
| Dec. | 1. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge . | $ 32 10 |
| Dec. | 7. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. P. C. Wike's charge. . . . | 16 35 |
| Nov. | 21. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. T. Moser's charge. . . . . | 2 00 |
| 1888. | | | |
| Jan. | 2. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. S. Henkel's charge . . . | 7 50 |
| Feb. | 11. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge. . . | 15 37 |
| " | 11. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge. | 1 62 |
| " | 11. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. J. S. Koiner's charge . . | 1 98 |
| " | 27. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge . . | 2 75 |
| March | 8. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge . . | 8 00 |
| Sept. | 21. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge . . . | 12 85 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd . . . . . | $100 52 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1887. | | | |
| Dec. | 15. | By amt. paid Wm. Coffman . . . . . | $ 32 40 |
| 1888. | | | |
| Jan. | 2. | By amt. paid Rev. J. P. Stirewalt . . . . . | 18 05 |
| Jan. | 2. | By amt. paid Rev. S. Henkel . . . . . | 7 50 |
| Feb. | 11. | By amt. paid Rev. J. S. Koiner . . . . . | 18 97 |
| Feb. | 27. | By amt. paid Rev. J. F. Moser . . . . . | 2 75 |
| March | 8. | By amt. paid Rev. A. L. Crouse . . . . . | 8 00 |
| Sept. | 21. | By amt. paid Rev. J. K. Efird . . . . . | 12 85 |
| | | Total amt. paid out . . . . . | $100 52 |

J. N. STIREWALT,
TREAS. E. L. TENN. SYNOD.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THEOLOGICAL FUND.

TREASURER OF THEOLOGICAL FUND,
IN CONNECTION WITH
CONCORDIA COLLEGE, CONOVER, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1888.

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| 1886. | | | |
| June | 24. | To cash of Rev. M. L. Fox's charge . . . . . | $ 5 42 |
| Nov. | 7. | " " " " " . . . . . | 1 45 |
| Dec. | 11. | To cash of Sharon Congregation—Iredell Co . . . . | 5 54 |
| Dec. | 11. | To cash of St. Martin's congregation—Iredell Co. . . | 8 44 |

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| 1887. | | | |
| Aug. | 22. | To cash of Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge | $ 50 |
| Aug. | 31. | To cash of Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge | 10 00 |
| Aug. | 31. | To cash of Rev. M. L. Fox's charge | 2 15 |
| Aug. | 31. | To cash of Rev. P. C. Wike's charge | 3 17 |
| Sept. | 19. | To cash of P. F. Smith, former Treasurer | 31 40 |
| Nov. | 14. | To cash of Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge | 1 30 |
| Nov. | 14. | To cash of Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge | 1 50 |
| 1888. | | | |
| Feb. | 14. | To cash of Rev. J. S. Koiner—Lutheran Chapel, Glen Alpine | 5 07 |
| June | 8. | To cash of Rev. A. L. Crouse—Bethlehem charge | 4 93 |
| Oct. | 31. | To cash of St. Martin's—Iredell Co., N. C. | 2 00 |
| | | | $82 87 |

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| 1886. | | | | |
| Dec. | 16. | By cash paid Rev. J. S. Koiner | $25 00 | |
| 1887. | | | | |
| Sept. | 17. | By cash paid Rev. J. S. Koiner | 10 00 | |
| Dec. | 20. | " " " " " | 20 00 | |
| 1888. | | | | |
| May | 26. | By cash paid Rev. J. S. Koiner | 15 00 | |
| | | | $70 00 | |
| | | Balance in Treasurer's hands | | $12 87 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. HUNSUCKER, TREASURER.

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A committee, consisting of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Rev. R. A. Yoder, and Mr. Eli Fry, was appointed to examine and report upon the matter of expenses of the delegates to the meeting of the United Synod.

The standing resolution on page 37 of the Minutes of the last Convention, providing for reports to Synod of the mission work of the Conferences, was repealed, and that on page 25 ordered to take its place.

Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning, 9:30 A. M., and was closed with the use of the Lord's Prayer and Benediction by the President.

## THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, 9.30 A. M.

Synod convened and was opened with divine service, conducted by Rev. J. A. Rudisill. The roll was called and minutes read and approved.

On motion, the consideration of Church Institutions and Education was made the first order of business for Tuesday, and Missions the second.

Rev. J. M. Smith was elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund and Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Assistant Treasurer.

The application of Mr. Jas. T. Miller, as a candidate for the ministry, was referred to the members of the Examining Committee in North Carolina.

Rev. W. A. Julian of the S. C. Synod was enrolled as a visitor.

Rev. P. C. Wike read the report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions, which was received and considered by items.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, in which he asks Synod to excuse him for absence from this meeting. He assigns as his reason for absence, the following: "As Executive Committee of Missions in our Conference, I find it will take a good deal of my time from my charge, and all the time that I can spare I want to spend in our mission field." We recommend that he be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, asking Synod to excuse him for not attending this convention. Ill health is the reason given. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D., in which he requests Synod to excuse his absence from this meeting. He assigns as his reason, sickness in his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 7 is a petition from St. Martin and Lutheran Union churches, in Cabarrus Co., N. C., and St. Martin's, Stanley Co., N. C., asking for the examination and ordination of Mr. J. P. Price, whom they have called to serve them. We recommend that the proper steps be taken at this meeting to grant their request.

No. 8 is a petition from Morning Star church, Mecklenburg Co., N. C., and Immanuel church, and Monroe Mission, Union Co., N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of Prof. J. F. Moser, whom they have called to the office of pastor. We recommend, inasmuch as the candidate is absent, on account of ill health, that the regulation of this Synod, requiring candidates for examination to be present at the convention of Synod, be suspended in this case, and that the members of the Standing Committee on Examination in North Carolina, be instructed to examine and ordain Prof. J. F. Moser as soon as it shall be necessary.

No. 9 is a petition from St. Timothy E. L. congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., asking to be received into this Synod. We recommend that said congregation be admitted, and its name placed upon the congregational roll.

No. 10 is a petition from Morning Star E. L. congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., praying this Synod to receive it into her connection. We recommend its reception, and that its name be placed upon the roll of congregations.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this meeting. Reason given, want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 12 is a letter from Rev. I. Conder, requesting this body to excuse his absence from this convention. Reason assigned, want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 13 is a petition from St. James, Catawba Co., N. C., asking this body to hold her next convention in said church.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. WIKE,
J. A. CROMER,
J. S. LIPE.

Items 1, 2, 3. The recommendation of the committee was sustained. Items 4, 5, and 6 were stricken out.

Rev. W. A. Lutz, delegate from the N. C. Synod, was announced as present. A motion was made to receive him, and pending its consideration Synod adjourned till the afternoon session.

## FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 1.30 P. M.

Synod met, the roll was called, and the minutes read and approved. Rev. J. A. Sligh of the S. C. Synod was announced as present.

Synod resumed the consideration of the reception of the delegate of the N. C. Synod. On motion, it was postponed till some subsequent session of this convention.

The following was passed:

WHEREAS, At its recent convention, the E. L. North Carolina Synod took certain action in regard to the course pursued by the E. L. Tennessee Synod relative to the application of Rev. B. S. Brown for admittance; and

WHEREAS, That action may, in the future, be construed as a reflection on the E. L. Tennessee Synod, be it therefore

*Resolved* 1. That the Tennessee Synod pursue the same course in reference to the said B. S. Brown, as it has relative to other similar applicants, for more than three score years;

2. That this Synod can see no good reason for deviating from that policy, convinced that it is right and proper.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was resumed.

*Resolved*, That Synod hold its next convention with Holly Grove congregation, Ilex, Davidson county, N. C.

Item 7. The recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Item 8. The recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Item 9. The recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Item 10. The recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Item 11. The recommendation of the committee was not sustained.

Item 12. The recommendation of the committee was sustained.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. J. A. Rudisill read the Report of the Committee on Treasurers' Reports, which was received and adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURERS' REPORTS.

We, the committee appointed to examine the reports of the Treasurers of the Synod, find all credits correct and approved by vouchers and statements. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. RUDISILL,
E. A. SMITH,
J. K. EFIRD.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., read the Report of the Delegates to the United Synod, which was received, and a committee, consisting of Revs. C. H. Bernheim, R. A. Yoder, and W. P. Cline, was appointed on the Minutes of the United Synod.

### REPORT OF DELEGATES TO UNITED SYNOD.

Of the eighteen delegates appointed by the E. L. Tennessee Synod, 1887, to represent it in the meeting of the United Synod of the E. L. Church in the South, which convened in Savannah, Ga., November 24–29, 1887, the following were present: Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, Prof. J. C. Moser, J. K. Efird, J. P. Stirewalt, Prof. J. S. Koiner, E. L. Lybrand;—Lay, Wm. Coffman, Isaiah Bowman, Prof. J. F. Moser, Dr. J. W. Eargle, Maj. H. A. Meetze.

As the proceedings of the United Synod have been published, and as, no doubt, Synod will appoint a committee to report on those proceedings, it is deemed unnecessary to present a detailed account of them in this report.

Suffice it to say, that much important business was transacted in a proper, harmonious manner. A draft of by-laws, rules of order, and regulations was submitted and ordered to be spread on the minutes, to be considered at the next meeting of the United Synod, which is to convene in Wilmington, North Carolina, Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1889.

The third regulation in regard to the work of the United Synod, is a matter of vital importance to the Church, especially at this age, in which the general tendency is to a higher and more churchly plain in doctrine and practice, and it may require proper advice and instruction on the part of our Synod, at its next meeting, which should convene at a suitable time before the next meeting of the United Synod. There

is a principle of the highest interest to the Church, involved in that regulation. Theory without consistent practice, can avail little.

Respectfully submitted,

SOCRATES HENKEL,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. S. KOINER,
E. L. LYBRAND,
J. K. EFIRD,
J. C. MOSER,
A. L. CROUSE.

Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, delegate from the S. C. Synod, made some highly appreciated remarks, and was properly replied to by the President.

Synod adjourned till Tuesday, 9.30 A. M. Prayer with Rev. J. M. Smith.

## FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9.30 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with divine service, conducted by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Rev. E. L. Lybrand read the Report of the Committee on Church Institutions, which was received, amended, and adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

Your committee beg leave to say, from the information furnished us, we find Concordia College is in a flourishing condition. The patronage has increased from time to time, and the present term has a larger enrollment than any previous opening. We are glad to note the prosperity of our College, which is exerting such a healthful influence in our Church. Concordia's usefulness is already seen and felt, both in a literary and moral sense, and it only requires the Synod to give such aid and co-operation as the board thinks needful, to make Concordia rank among our very best institutions.

We find, however, from the report of President of Board, President of College, as well as Report of Visiting Committee, and which reports are hereby submitted, and recommended to be read, that an additional building is necessary to accommodate the Literary Societies.

In view of this matter, your committee would recommend, that the Board take such steps as in its wisdom it thinks necessary to supply this want, and, if aid from Synod is needed, let the Board ask the Synod for the needed help.

We also recommend that our pastors and congregations comply with resolution of Synod by sending contributions to our Theological fund.

We also ask Synod to sustain the recommendation of President of Board, concerning resignation of former President, election of the present President, and other professors elected.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
E. L. LYBRAND,
J. N. STIREWALT.

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

*To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Since the last convention of Synod, there have been some changes in the Board and Faculty of our School. Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser, having tendered his resignation in the Faculty, and having urged its acceptance on account of failing health and over work, it was reluctantly accepted. This vacancy has been filled by calling Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, who was formerly connected with it as a member of the Faculty, for about six years; he accepted the call, and is now at work. In the name of the Board, I ask Synod to ratify this action of the Board.

The Board also called Mrs. Prof. R. A. Yoder as music teacher, and to take charge, as matron, of young ladies who may attend our School. She is now in the discharge of these duties. During the year, about eighteen young ladies were under her care. We ask Synod to ratify this action of the Board.

Rev. Prof. D. A. Sox has been called to the position of Principal of Preparatory Department. He has accepted, and has been engaged in the work. We ask that this action of the Board be also ratified.

Prof. Yoder tendered his resignation as a member of the Board when he entered upon his duties as President, which was accepted.—The Board elected Rev. J. A. Rudisill to fill this vacancy.

The Board purchased a new upright piano for the use of the music department. The college grounds are being enclosed by a neat fence, and further improvements of the grounds will soon be made.

Additional buildings are necessary for society halls, &c. For these improvements money is needed, and also for an endowment. May the

way soon be made clear for the Board to proceed to raise an endowment. Most respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

DEAR BRETHREN :—It affords me pleasure to be able to state that the condition of our College is very favorable. The enrollment for the term just closed is larger than for any previous term in the history of the School—the enrollment being 120 pupils. The work among the students upon the whole has been very satisfactory. There has been a marked improvement in attendance and punctuality among the students. At the suggestion of the President, the Board has added a course of study for young ladies, and young ladies completing the course will receive the title of Mistress of the Liberal Arts. The classes in the College proper are larger than heretofore, there being now six young men and one young lady in the senior class.

Praying that our School may continue to increase in number of students, and in usefulness, under the fostering care of our Synod, for the development of Christian character, for filling up of the ranks of an educated ministry, and for the upbuilding of our dear Lutheran Church, I am,

Respectfully,

R. A. YODER,
PRESIDENT CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

## REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

We, the committee appointed at the last convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, to visit Concordia College, Conover, N. C., and report its condition to this meeting of Synod, beg leave to submit the following, viz. :

That we have visited the School, and are happy to report that it is in a prosperous condition, having a continued increasing patronage.

The professors and teachers were diligent and faithful in their work of imparting religious as well as literary instruction, with a marked degree of success. We also find the pupils under good disciplinary regulations, with due respect and regard to their instructors; but we find difficulties arising out of a want of suitable halls for the literary societies. We therefore direct the attention of Synod to the necessity of devising some plan by which sufficient funds may be secured to meet this important demand.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
J. A. RUDISILL.

Synod resumed the consideration of the reception of the North Carolina Synod's delegate, and the following action was taken:

Rev. W. A. Lutz having appeared as corresponding delegate of the E. L. North Carolina Synod, and presented his credentials as such, was received; but it is to be regretted, that, in view of the following action taken by the North Carolina Synod at its late meeting, relative to the course pursued by our Synod in regard to the application of Rev. B. S. Brown, it would be incompatible for this Synod to continue such courtesy or correspondence in the future, without some modification or satisfactory explanation of the intention of that action, which, otherwise, is calculated to reflect on our Synod.

*Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the very excellent and able address of Rev. B. S. Brown, regarding his non-reception into our sister Synod, the Tennessee Synod, and that we rejoice to find that he stood so firmly on the confessions of the church and refused to go beyond them in accepting opinions or practices that are nowhere required or distinctly stated in the symbols of our church.

### PROTEST.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Synod in the above resolution received the Corresponding Delegate of the North Carolina Synod under the full light of the knowledge of the action taken by the said N. C. Synod in the Rev. B. S. Brown case, in which the N. C. Synod charges the Tennessee Synod with holding "opinions and practices that are nowhere required or distinctly stated in the Symbols of our Church;" therefore, my vote is recorded against this injustice.

P. C. WIKE.

The President announced to Rev. Lutz his acceptance, and he then earnestly and appropriately addressed the Synod, and was replied to by the President.

Rev. J. S. Koiner read the Report of the Committee on Missions, which was received and adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully submit the following report:

The only paper placed in our hands relating to the mission work of the Synod, is the report of our Board of Missions, concerning our work in Alabama. We recommend that this report be carefully considered. We think our Synod could engage in a good work by estab-

lishing and maintaining a mission at Asheville, N. C. The place is one of importance, whilst our conference in North Carolina seems not to be prepared to undertake the work at present. We regret that no information has been officially reported to Synod concerning the mission work of the conferences, except that from the Virginia Conference.

J. S. KOINER,
R. A. YODER,
R. H. CLINE,
COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Synod desires to maintain a missionary in Alabama at an approximate expense of $300, our pastors are hereby requested to report to the chairman of the Board of Missions, Rev. A. L. Crouse, the amounts which they will pledge themselves and their congregations for this work, and the Secretary of this body be instructed to call special attention to this resolution through *Our Church Paper* and otherwise.

Synod adjourned for divine service.

## SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called.

A letter from Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, was read, in which attention was called to the apportionment of this Synod, due the United Synod, of $800 for Home Missions and $400 for Foreign Missions, as approximated by the Board; and to Asheville, N. C., as a mission.

On motion, this point was referred to the N. C. Conference, with the request that it provide for that place.

Rev. D. A. Sox read the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which was received and considered by items.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, submit the following:

(1) On page 15, we find a certain resolution in regard to taking collections for Home and Foreign Missions. Has this resolution been complied with?

(2) On page 25, we find a resolution requiring the Chairman of the Executive Committees of Missions in our Conferences to furnish an annual, written report of the missionary work of their bodies during the year. Has this been done?

(3) On same page, we find that Revs. J. S. Koiner, Dr. S. Henkel, and Prof. L. A. Bikle, were made a committee to report a full line of text-books for use in our Sunday-schools. Have they done this?

(4) On page 25, we find that a committee, consisting of Revs. T. Moser and J. A. Rudisill, was appointed to visit Concordia College and report its condition to this meeting of Synod. Has the duty been performed?

(5) On page 26, we find that Revs. J. S. Koiner, A. L. Crouse, and M. L. Little were appointed to prepare a paper setting forth the importance of church discipline and form for its administration. Is this committee ready to report?

(6) On same page, we find that Henkel & Co. were recommended to publish another edition of Luther's Small Catechism. Have they done this?

(7) On page 28, we notice that Revs. J. S. Koiner and J. P. Stirewalt were made the Missionary Board of Synod, to secure the services of a pastor for the Alabama Mission. Have they been successful?

(8) On page 29, we find that it was made the duty of Rev. A. L. Crouse, to ascertain the amount due the United Synod by the Tennessee Synod, report to the President of this Synod, and that the President issue an order on the Treasurer for the amount. Has this been attended to?

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLINE,
D. A. SOX,
J. J. GEORGE.

Item 1. Partially complied with.

Item 2. Complied with by the Virginia Conference only.

Item 3. With reference to this item the following was adopted:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEXT-BOOKS.

Your Committee on Text-books for use in our Sunday-schools, would report the following:

1. The Bible, or portions of it, and Luther's Small Catechism.

2. As helps to learning the contents of Bible and Catechism, Little Children's Catechism, My First Book, The Child's Book, Stories from Bible History; and for Song, The Little Children's Book.

3. For more advanced scholars, also, Biblical History in the Words of Holy Scripture, Outlines of Church History; and for Song, The Sunday-school Book.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. KOINER,
S. HENKEL.

Item 4. Complied with.

Item 5. The work had been partly done, and the committee was continued.

Item 6. The publishers have complied, and the Synod voted its thanks for their excellent work.

Item 7. Complied with.

Item 8. Complied with.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim read the Report of the Committee on the Endowment of Concordia College, which was received and adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

We, the committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, at the request of Synod, to devise some plan for the endowment of our College, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, No school can continue long as a college without some endowment; and

WHEREAS, We have now in successful operation a good school under the auspices of our Synod, centrally located; and

WHEREAS, Said School is a necessity for the welfare and perpetuity of our Synod, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we make earnest efforts to endow our College.

Your committee would recommend the following plan of endowment:

1. That we authorize the Board of Trustees to secure the services of an active financial agent, who shall travel in the interests of Concordia College and solicit donations in cash, and where this is not available, to solicit bonds or notes, so drawn that the interest and one-tenth of the whole principal shall be due and payable annually.

C. H. BERNHEIM,
R. A. YODER.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim read the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the United Synod, which was received and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS SETTING FORTH THE RELATION OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD TO THE UNITED SYNOD.

WHEREAS, The relations of the different synods, composing the United Synod of the South, to each other, and to the United Synod, as defined in the Basis of Union and Constitution of the United Synod, are differently interpreted; and

WHEREAS, There is some difference of opinion as to what rights, privileges, and courtesies should be accorded to each individual synod by the other synods; and

WHEREAS, The principles involved in said Art. III. are held by the Tennessee Synod; and

WHEREAS, Said Art. III. has not been adopted by the United Synod, but action upon it postponed to its next meeting; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, the ministers and delegates of the E. L. Tennessee Synod, do emphatically reiterate the principles set forth at Dallas, N. C., in 1886, as our position, viz.: "That in adopting it (The Report of the Delegates to the Diet at Roanoke, Va.), as the E. L. Tennessee Synod rejects all ecclesiastical union and co-operation which is not based on the pure Lutheran teaching and faith; as, the Exchange of Pulpits, Promiscuous Communion or Altar Fellowship, Secret Society Worship, and Chiliasm, we, the ministers and lay-delegates, in Synod assembled, do hereby recommend or advise the committee, or chairman of the committee, appointed by the United Synod of the E. L. Church in the South, to prepare By-laws for its government, in drafting such By-laws, so to formulate them as to require every teacher or professor who may be appointed as a teacher or professor in any theological seminary that she may establish or put into operation, to take an obligation not to teach, practice, or inculcate anything that comes in conflict with these principles, or the doctrines of the Church.

"That we trust the said United Synod will feel the importance of acquiescing in this precautionary request, with a view to the good of the church; especially as this is desired only in work for which each Synod will be held responsible in its united efforts, and which it should be able to defend and maintain according to the pure doctrines and practices of the E. L. Church, as over against sectarian innovations and corruptions, leaving each Synod in connection with the United Synod in its individual synodical transactions, so to shape its course as ultimately to attain that higher plain in doctrine and practice so characteristic of the true Church."

*Resolved*, That until such position is taken by the United Synod, by adopting the principles contained in Art. III. of proposed By-laws, the Tennessee Synod cannot *co-operate* with the United Synod in her work.

C. H. BERNHEIM,
R. A. YODER,
W. P. CLINE.

Revs. C. H. Bernheim and R. H. Cline were excused from further attendance at this meeting.

Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder read the Report of the Committee on Examination, which was received and adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

We, your Committee on Examination, beg leave to report that we have examined Brother J. P. Price, and find that his theological qualifications are sufficient to enable him to assume the duties of the office of pastor. We therefore recommend that Brother J. P. Price be ordained at some suitable time during this convention of Synod, and that this service be performed by the officers of Synod.

We further report, that we have had an interview with Brother J. J. George, and find that his qualifications in a literary point of view, and his motives for desiring to prepare himself for the office of pastor, have been satisfactory to your committee, and we therefore recommend that he be received as a beneficiary student under the care of Synod, and that an appropriation of $50.00 be made for his benefit for the present synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
R. A. YODER,
E. L. LYBRAND.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., read the Report of the Committee on President's Report, which was received and considered by items.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, your committee, have examined that paper, and find several matters which demand attention:

1. He calls attention to the deaths of Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., and Rev. M. L. Fox, M. D.

In regard to this, we recommend that a committee of two be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions relative to these sad events, for publication in the minutes of this Synod, and report as soon as possible.

2. He recommends that a committee be appointed to bring the matter of the revision of our parochial report before Synod.

We approve of this recommendation, and trust such committee will be appointed. The letter of Rev. I. Conder, suggesting amendments to our parochial reports, accompanies this report.

3. He recommends that our theological course for private students be placed in the hands of a committee, with instructions to prepare and present to Synod a revision of the same.

We suggest that such committee be appointed.

4. He recommends that the Synod request each of the conferences to transmit, through its president, a written report of its missionary work, and whatever other things require the attention of Synod, to the President of Synod, at least four weeks before its annual meetings.

We trust this recommendation will be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
C. H. BERNHEIM,
J. L. YOUNT.

Item 1. The recommendation was sustained, and Revs. R. A. Yoder and E. L. Lybrand were appointed.

Item 2 was adopted, and Revs. J. M. Smith and J. A. Rudisill appointed.

Item 3 was adopted, and Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner and Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder were appointed.

Item 4 was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Messrs. Jacob S. Lipe and C. B. Sikes were excused from further attendance.

Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline read the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was received and adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, make the following report:

By inquiry among our brethren, coming from various parts of our territory, we are glad to report considerable progress from every section in which our people have received regular preaching of the Word.

In Virginia, brotherly love and unity of spirit prevail among the brethren. Each seems to be a faithful steward in the Lord's household. Although some of the charges are too large to do thorough work, yet we are glad to report progress in the different congregations in Christian liberality, churchliness, and Sunday-school work.

In North Carolina, all our congregations that are regularly served are in a prosperous condition. But there is much need of more pastors, as many pastorates are too large and some vacant. Sunday-school work has received considerable attention by many of our brethren during the past year, and has made progress. There prevails a unanimity of spirit among our pastors, and an increased liberality and churchliness among the laymen.

In South Carolina, all the congregations are supplied, but some not permanently, hence a need of more pastors. Much progress has been made in the congregations. The brethren have manifested increased liberality toward the support of the ministry, and in the improvement of houses of worship. Much and commendable progress has been made in the work of missions in some of the congregations. In Sunday-school work, we rejoice to report increased interest, especially in the training of the children in a spirit of Christian giving.

We regret we have no information to report from our brethren in Alabama, only that this field still lies vacant, and, unless soon supplied, will be lost to our beloved Lutheran Church.

From all points of our territory we are glad to report much interest in education. Many of our families are endeavoring to give their sons and daughters the advantage of the refinement and culture acquired by a liberal education, and we hail with pleasure the day when our people, through the blessing of God, shall reach a high standard of refinement, Christian life, and practice.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLINE,
J. A. CROMER,
S. HENKEL.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay the Secretary ($5) for his work.

Synod adjourned to Wednesday, 9.30 A. M. Prayer with Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9.30 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with divine service, led by Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder read the Report of the Committee on Resolutions upon the death of Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., and Rev. M. L. Fox, which was received and adopted by a rising vote.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, Revs. M. L. Fox and J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., have been called from their labors in the Church militant to their rest in the Church triumphant,

*Resolved* 1. That while the Tennessee Synod has lost able and efficient ministers of the Gospel, the families dear friends and kind husbands, and the States and communities honored citizens, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

*Resolved* 2. That we spread these resolutions upon the face of our minutes as an humble tribute of respect to their memory, as an appreciation of their worth and merits, and as a token of esteem in which they were held.

*Resolved* 3. That a page, containing the name, the date of the death, and the age, be devoted to the memory of each of the deceased brethren.

R. A. YODER,
E. L. LYBRAND.

## REV. J. P. SMELTZER, D. D.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in early manhood he was ordained to the pastoral office, and died at his son's residence in Charleston, South Carolina, October 31, 1887; aged 68 years, 1 month, and 21 days.

## REV. MICHAEL L. FOX, M. D.

Rev. Michael L. Fox, M. D., son of Christian and Charity Fox, was born in Randolph county, North Carolina, ordained to the pastoral office, 1871, and died at his residence in said county, July 22, 1888; aged 63 years, 6 months, and 10 days.

The following was adopted:

Rev. S. Henkel having stated to Synod that there is a probability that another edition of the New Market, Va., edition of the Christian Book of Concord, or Symbolical Books, will be published in the near future, if the enterprise meet with proper encouragement, be it

*Resolved*, That Synod hail with pleasure that announcement, and shall give it proper encouragement.

The following was adopted:

*Moved*, That we have heard the statement of Dr. S. Henkel with reference to the publication of his history of the Tennessee Synod, and that we make earnest efforts to introduce the work among our people.

The following was adopted:

*Moved*, That the Committee on Settlement of Expenses of Delegates to the United Synod, 1887, is continued, with directions to make settlement with each of the delegates who attended that meeting of the United Synod, and report to Synod at its next convention.

Parochial reports were read and presented.

Appropriations to our Beneficiaries were made, as follows: A. L. Bolick, $75; Jacob Wike, $75; W. L. Darr, $75, provided he needs it.

The time for the next meeting of Synod was fixed at 10 A. M., Friday before the second Sunday in Nov., 1889.

Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., J. N. Stirewalt, and P. C. Wike were excused from further attendance at this meeting. Mr. Harward was also excused.

Synod adjourned to meet after divine service. During the recess, Rev. J. M. Smith preached an ordination sermon from Matt. 28, 19, 20, after which Beneficiary J. P. Price was solemnly ordained to the office of the ministry by the President and Secretary of Synod.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod met, the roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Rev. E. L. Lybrand, with Rev. J. K. Efird alternate, was elected delegate to the S. C. Synod.

Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline, with Rev. Prof. R. H. Cline alternate, was elected delegate to the N. C. Synod.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, with Rev. P. C. Wike alternate, was elected delegate to the Virginia Synod.

The absence of pastors was considered. Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., J. R. Peterson, H. Wetzel, M. L. Little, and D. C. Huffman were excused. Revs. L. A. Bikle, D. D., D. A. Goodman, and D. J. Settlemyre were not excused.

Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner was requested to continue to give instruction in theology in Concordia College, in accordance with previous instructions.

The Secretary was instructed to have enough minutes printed to supply the demand.

The following delegates were elected to the next meeting of the United Synod:

DELEGATES TO UNITED SYNOD.

| PRINCIPALS. | Virginia. | ALTERNATES. |
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| Rev. S. Henkel, D. D. | | Rev. I. Conder, |
| " A. L. Crouse | | " J. N. Stirewalt, |
| " J. P. Stirewalt | | " P. C. Wike. |
| LAY-DELEGATES. | | ALTERNATES. |
| Mr. A. L. Henkel | | Mr. Wm. Coffman, |
| " Isaiah Printz | | " A. Dodson, |
| " Philip Killian | | " D. I. Offman. |
| PRINCIPALS. | North Carolina. | ALTERNATES. |
| Rev. J. C. Moser | | Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., |
| " Prof. J. S. Koiner | | " M. L. Little, |
| " J. M. Smith | | " C. H. Bernheim, |
| " W. P. Cline | | " R. A. Yoder, |
| " J. A. Rudisill | | " D. J. Settlemyre. |
| LAY-DELEGATES. | | ALTERNATES. |
| Mr. A. M. Huit | | Mr. D. M. Wyant, |
| " Luther Mosteller | | " Wm. Yoder, |
| " J. L. Yount | | " G. M. Yoder, |
| " A. C. Lineberger | | " H. F. McCaslin, |
| " J. S. Lipe | | " D. A. Coon. |

| PRINCIPALS. | South Carolina. | ALTERNATES. |
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| Rev. J. K. Efird | | Rev. D. Efird |
| " E. L. Lybrand | | " J. A. Cromer. |

| LAY-DELEGATES. | ALTERNATES. |
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| Maj. H. A. Meetze | Mr. W. Henry Hare, |
| Mr. C. M. Efird | " D. C. Boland. |

On motion, it is the rule that the President of this Synod shall be a delegate to the United Synod, and shall be the chairman of its delegation.

The following was passed:

### THANKS.

*Resolved*, That we hereby extend a vote of thanks to the members and friends of this congregation, for the kind treatment we have received from them while in their midst. Also we extend our sincere thanks to the Richmond & Danville R. R., for the reduced rates given to our ministers and laymen who attended this convention of Synod.

*Resolved*, That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

The minutes were read and approved.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place chosen, and was closed with divine service, led by the President.

A. L. CROUSE, *Secretary.*

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NOTE.—Too late to place his name at the proper place, a letter from the members of the Examining Committee in North Carolina was received asking that the name of Mr. J. T. Miller be placed upon our roll as a candidate for the ministry.

SECRETARY.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Opening sermon, Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, Saturday, 11 A. M.; Eph. 4, 15.

In the church, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Sunday, 10 A. M.; Acts 18, 21.

In the schoolhouse, Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Sunday, 10 A. M.; Psalm 119, 11.

Confession and Absolution, and the Administration of the Lord's Supper, Sunday, 12 M.

Sunday, 2 P. M., Sunday-school exercises; addresses by Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, W. P. Cline, and J. M. Smith.

At Mr. Wessinger's, Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Sunday, 7 P. M.; Rev. 2, 10.

Rev. J. C. Moser, Monday, 11 A. M.; Ps. 103, 3.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, Monday, 7 P. M., Matt. 25, 1–13.

Rev. W. P. Cline, Tuesday, 12 M., Ps. 29, 2.

Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Tuesday, 7 P. M., Isa. 8, 20.

At Mr. Wessinger's, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Tuesday, 7 P. M.; Luke 10, 42.

Ordination Sermon, Rev. J. M. Smith, Wednesday, 12 M.; Matt. 28, 19, 20.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael.
CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas.
RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.
ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh.
BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.
CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Lutz.
CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Lutheran Union.
CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy.
CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.
DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove.
GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.
GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.
IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin.
LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon.
MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.
RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.
ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.
STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin.
UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel.
WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

### VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—Bethlehem, St. Paul.
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. William (Fairview), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

Total number, 10ϕ.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved 1.* That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

*Resolved 2.* That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

*Resolved 3.* That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved 4.* That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 5.* That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the Synodical year, to

ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 6.* That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved 7.* That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved 8.* That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved 9.* That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved 10.* That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our Ministers to ask their Congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved 11.* That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved 12.* That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved 13.* That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved 14.* That the chairmen of the Executive Committees of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the Missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved 15.* That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

*Resolved 16.* That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved 17.* That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session

of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved 18.* That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved 19.* That, with a view of establishing proper relations between Concordia College, situated at Conover, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, we, in meeting assembled, agree, 1. that, whenever a vacancy, or vacancies, occur, either by death, resignation, or removal, in the Board of Trustees or in the Faculty, the said Synod shall have the right as well as the privilege to recommend a suitable person, or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies; 2. that the Synod shall have the right to appoint a Board of Visitors, whose duty it shall be annually to visit said school, and make such report of the condition of the school to each session of the Synod, as be deemed most advantageous; 3. that it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to make a report annually to Synod, relative to moral and literary condition of the school, which report shall also be signed by the secretary of the faculty; 4. that the President of the Board of Trustees shall also make an annual report to Synod, in regard to the financial condition of the school, which report shall likewise be signed by the secretary of the Board of Trustees; 5. that this school shall be continued and conducted as a church institution, under such rules and regulations, as may be instituted by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the charter, and the Confessions of the Church as set forth in the Christian Book of Concord, each teacher, instructor, or professor, taking an obligation not to teach anything in said school that is contrary to said Confessions.

These stipulations or propositions shall be valid and in force, provided the said Synod shall acquiesce, and is disposed to lend said institution its fostering care and encouragement, as well as its influence and moral force; provided, that if the Synod shall fail, after notice, to recommend, in due time, a suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the proper authorities of said institution shall proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

*Resolved 20.* That we, as a Synod, accept the propositions made to us by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and that in consideration of the rights and privileges therein granted, we will lend to said institution our fostering care, influence, and moral support.—*See Minutes of 1883, page 18.*

*Resolved 21.* That our beneficiaries and students of theology shall neither preach nor absent themselves from their recitations without

special permission of the faculty of Concordia College, and that we advise that they preach not more than once a month.

*Resolved 22.* That the officers of each church within our bounds be requested to see that each member of their congregation and Sunday-school pay at least 5 cents per annum into the beneficiary fund.

*Resolved 23.* That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 24.* That it is the rule that the President of this Synod shall be a delegate to the United Synod, and shall be the chairman of its delegation.

*Resolved 25.* That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

# PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| PASTORS. | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Letters. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday Schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Removals. | Synodical. | Beneficiary Educat'n. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. | Theological Professorship. |
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| H. Wetzel | 1841 | 1 | 29 | . . . | 3 | 3 | 2 | . | . . | . | . | . | . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| P. C. Henkel, D. D. | 1843 | 3 | 450 | 900 | 1 | 71 | 28 | . | 15 | . | 2 | 10 | 150 | . | $ 2 80 | $ 11 20 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| J. R. Peterson | 1843 | 4 | 200 | 200 | 1 | 28 | 27 | . | 1 | . | 2 | 8 | 80 | . | 3 50 | . . . . | $ 250 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| T. Moser | 1844 | 3 | 140 | 320 | . | 23 | 4 | . | 4 | . | 2 | 10 | 90 | . | 2 60 | 15 00 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| D. Efird | 1847 | 1 | 45 | 85 | . | 7 | 4 | . | 10 | . | 1 | . . | . . | . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| S. Henkel, D. D. | 1850 | 2 | 270 | 550 | 1 | 13 | 3 | . | 9 | . | 1 | 10 | 70 | . | 3 00 | 12 00 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| C. H. Bernheim | 1855 | 5 | 453 | . . . | 8 | 43 | 63 | . | . . | . | . | . . | . . | . | 1 50 | . . . . | 300 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| J. M. Smith | 1856 | 3 | 406 | 800 | . | 38 | 21 | . | 11 | . | 1 | . . | . . | . | 2 20 | 8 00 | 225 00 | . . . . | $ 2 00 |
| J. I. Miller, D. D. | 1858 | 1 | 82 | . . . | 2 | . . | 15 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 60 | 2 | 4 00 | 6 00 | . . . . | $ 20 00 | . . . |
| L. A. Bikle, D. D. | 1859 | 3 | 185 | . . . | . | 10 | 20 | . | . . | . | 2 | 12 | 100 | . | . . . | 10 00 | 300 00 | 55 00 | . . . |
| I. Conder | 1861 | 4 | 139 | 150 | 2 | 11 | 4 | . | 4 | . | 4 | 20 | 190 | . | 1 00 | 8 25 | 160 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| J. N. Stirewalt | 1871 | 6 | 539 | 814 | 3 | 39 | 12 | . | 17 | . | 4 | 26 | 214 | . | 1 20 | 5 00 | . . . . | 75 00 | . . . |
| A. L. Crouse | 1871 | 3 | 150 | 240 | . | 12 | 3 | . | 2 | . | . | . . | . . | . | 2 50 | 1 50 | 260 00 | 200 00 | 5 00 |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 1873 | 4 | 524 | 900 | 36 | 78 | 116 | 11 | 41 | . | 3 | 25 | 200 | . | 5 70 | 16 00 | 500 00 | 800 00 | . . . |
| J. C. Moser | 1873 | 3 | 320 | 550 | 2 | 35 | 46 | 23 | 9 | . | 4 | 32 | 325 | 8 | 3 00 | 37 50 | 600 00 | 60 00 | . . . |
| M. L. Little | 1873 | 4 | 400 | . . . | 4 | 83 | . . | 3 | 17 | . | . | . . | . . | . | . . . | . . . . | 350 00 | 50 00 | . . . |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 1877 | 4 | 380 | . . . | 1 | 28 | 12 | 1 | 10 | . | 2 | . . | . . | 9 | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| J. K. Efird | 1877 | 4 | 943 | 1886 | . | 83 | 53 | . | 28 | . | 4 | 20 | 289 | 2 | 4 00 | 25 00 | 460 00 | 904 00 | . . . |

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| J. A. Cromer | 1877 | 4 | 364 | 660 | 3 | 22 | 12 | 2 | 5 | . | 5 | 28 | 300 | . | $ 2 00 | $ 14 75 | $ 275 00 | $ 45 00 | $ 3 00 |
| E. L. Lybrand | 1877 | 3 | 400 | 650 | 1 | 35 | 12 | 3 | 5 | . | . | 15 | 190 | . | 2 30 | . . . . | 300 00 | 510 00 | . . . |
| R. A. Yoder | 1879 | 3 | 445 | 734 | 1 | 29 | 36 | . | 11 | . | 1 | 6 | 60 | . | 3 90 | 19 00 | 500 00 | 10 00 | . . . |
| J. S. Koiner | 1881 | 2 | 164 | 328 | 1 | 13 | 4 | . | 3 | . | 2 | 16 | 135 | 20 | 11 20 | 25 00 | 215 00 | . . . . | 5 74 |
| W. P. Cline | 1881 | 5 | 411 | 720 | . | 23 | 18 | 2 | 10 | . | 1 | 7 | 87 | . | 3 30 | 11 44 | . . . . | 22 00 | . . . |
| D. A. Goodman | 1882 | 3 | 140 | 231 | 9 | 22 | 10 | 4 | 4 | . | 3 | 9 | 71 | . | 40 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| D. A. Sox | 1883 | 1 | 15 | . . . | . | 1 | . . | . | . . | . | . . | . . | . . | . | 60 | 1 00 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| J. A. Rudisill | 1883 | 4 | 658 | 1250 | 2 | 82 | 74 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 4 | . . | . . | 2 | 3 00 | 16 45 | 400 00 | 300 00 | . . . |
| D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 | 2 | 300 | 400 | 1 | 16 | 22 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 3 | . . | . . | . | . . . | 16 00 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| R. H. Cline | 1885 | 3 | 195 | 400 | . | 14 | 9 | . | 2 | . | 2 | 8 | . . | . | . . . | 12 85 | 400 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| P. C. Wike | 1886 | 4 | 275 | 573 | 7 | 27 | 32 | 1 | 6 | . | 3 | 15 | 215 | 3 | . . . | 30 00 | 330 00 | 1200 00 | . . . |
| Alabama Mission | . . | 2 | 55 | 112 | . | . . | . . | . | 3 | . | 1 | 3 | 39 | 4 | . . . | 2 25 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
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REV. J. M. SMITH, REV. I. CONDER, REV. J. C. MOSER, REV. J. N. STIREWALT, REV. D. EFIRD, AND REV. E. L. LYBRAND.

# PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Mt. Calvary Church, Page Co., Va., was selected as the place, and Friday, 10 A. M., before the fourth Sunday in October, 1890, as the time.

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## FIRST SESSION.

HOLLY GROVE CHURCH,
ILEX, DAVIDSON CO., N. C.,
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1889.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in her sixty-ninth annual convention with Holly Grove congregation, Ilex, Davidson Co., N. C., at 10 A. M., November 8, 1889. The President, Rev. J. C. Moser, preached the opening sermon from 1 John 5, 4, last clause. The clerical roll was called, and the names of the pastors present were recorded. The congregational roll was called and corrected. The names of the delegates, upon the presentation of certificates of their election, were enrolled. On motion, the name of Rev. J. F. Moser was also enrolled.

### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

| PASTORS. | POSTOFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Rev. J. R. Peterson | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D.* | New Market, Va. |
| " H. Wetzel* | Woodstock, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim | Conover, N. C. |
| " D. Efird* | Lexington, S. C. |
| " J. M. Smith | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D. | Dallas, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D.* | Luray, Va. |
| " I. Conder | McGaheysville, Va. |

*Absent and excused.

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| Rev. J. N. Stirewalt | Stony Man, Va. |
| " A. L. Crouse | Orkney Springs, Va. |
| " J. P. Stirewalt | New Market, Va. |
| " Prof. M. L. Little | Dallas, N. C. |
| " J. C. Moser | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. K. Efird | Rightwell, S. C. |
| " J. A. Cromer | Columbia, S. C. |
| " E. L. Lybrand | Summit Point, S. C. |
| " Prof. R. A. Yoder | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. S. Koiner* | Waynesboro, Va. |
| " D. A. Sox* | Edwardsville, Ala. |
| " D. A. Goodman* | Happy Home, N. C. |
| " J. W. Hausenfluck† | Alma, Va. |
| " Prof. W. P. Cline | Ilex, N. C. |
| " D. J. Settlemyre* | New Sterling, N. C. |
| " J. A. Rudisill | Henry, N. C. |
| " R. H. Cline | China Grove, N. C. |
| " P. C. Wike | Maurertown, Va. |
| " D. C. Huffman* | Hickory, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. G. Schaid‖ | Conover, N. C. |
| " J. P. Price | Concord, N. C. |
| " J. F. Moser‖ | Monroe, N. C. |
| " W. L. Darr‡ | Chapin, S. C. |
| " D. I. Offman‡ | New Market, Va. |
| " J. P. Miller‡ | Conover, N. C. |

## CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

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| J. T. Miller | Conover, N. C. |
| J. T. Craps | Lewiedale, S. C. |
| G. E. Long | Prosperity, S. C. |
| A. R. Beck | Ilex, N. C. |
| W. H. Roof | Columbia, S. C. |
| A. V. Sherrill | |

## BENEFICIARIES.

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|---|---|
| J. J. George | |
| Jacob Wike | Conover, N. C. |
| A. L. Bolick | Conover, N. C. |
| S. S. Keisler | Ops, Kansas. |
| D. F. Conrad | Ilex, N. C. |
| R. L. Fritz | Ilex, N. C. |

‖ Received at this meeting. ‡ Ordained at this meeting.
* Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.

## LAY-DELEGATES.

A. O. Sox—Zion, Emmanuel, St. Andrew, St. Peter, (M.), S. C.
Lewis Shealy—St. James, St. Paul, Cedar Grove, S. C.
J. W. Summer, Sr.—St. Peter, St. John, S. C.
G. W. Jacobs—St. Jacob, S. C.
Wm. L. Darr—Bethlehem, St. Thomas, S. C.
P. C. Setzer—Philadelphia, N. C.
M. L. Furr—St. Martin, N. C.
J. A. Hahn—Lutheran Union, N. C.
Jacob Wike—St. James, N. C.
D. A. Yoder—Grace, N. C.
J. P. Yount—Concordia, N. C.
John H. Moser—St. John, N. C.
F. P. Moser—St. Paul, Bethel, N. C.
J. P. Miller—St. Peter, St. Stephen, Shiloh, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Noah Hahn—Zion, Holy Trinity, N. C.
J. T. Miller—St. Timothy, N. C.
Jacob Darr—Pilgrim, N. C.
P. M. Frank—Beck's, N. C.
W. A. Sullivan—Emmanuel, N. C.
J. H. Grimes—Holly Grove, N. C.
A. R. Beck—New Jerusalem, N. C.
David Jenkins—Lutheran Chapel, N. C.
R. M. Jenkins—Christ, Mt. Holly, N. C.
D. W. Johnson—Melanchthon, Mt. Pleasant, Coble, N. C.
A. L. Wagner—St. Martin, N. C.
R. E. Costner—Salem, N. C.
C. B. Sikes—Morning Star, Emmanuel, St. Luke, N. C.
H. J. Barnhardt—Mt. Moriah, N. C.
C. L. Swartz—St. Mary (Pine), Morning Star, Solomon, Rader, Va.
D. I. Offman—Emmanuel, Va.

The President, Rev. J. C. Moser, read his annual report, which was received to be referred to a committee yet to be appointed.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Another synodical year has passed away, and is numbered with the things that were. Another year has been added to our lives. Another year of service in the kingdom of our Lord has closed, and its records have been written on high in the Book of God's remembrance.

By the kind providence of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to assemble again in annual convention. We now lift our hearts to God in sincere and devout gratitude for all his mercies, and humbly implore the continuance of his favor and the guidance of his Spirit, especially now, while we meet here from day to day in the interests of our beloved Church.

Again we are called upon to deplore the loss of one of our number. Dr. P. C. Henkel is no more. God has called this faithful and devoted servant from the labors of earth to the reward of heaven. One by one our brethren pass away, and meet with us here no more. How this should admonish us to greater diligence and faithfulness. My brethren, let us work while it is day, for the time is short, and the night soon cometh.

I herewith present a brief statement of my official acts during the year, with such other matters of general interest as may demand attention.

I gave orders on the Treasurer of our Beneficiary Fund in favor of our beneficiaries for the full amounts appropriated to them by Synod, with the exception of brother William L. Darr, who asked only $60.00 out of an appropriation of $75.00.

On June 12, I issued an order on the Treasurer of Synod for $100.00, in favor of our missionary in Alabama, Rev. D. A. Sox.

### INSTALLATION.

On April 21, I installed Rev. J. P. Price, at his request, in the pastorate formerly served by my father, Rev. T. Moser.

Prof. J. F. Moser, having applied for examination and ordination to the committee appointed at our last convention for this purpose, and one of the committee, Rev. Dr. P. C. Henkel, having declined to serve, I appointed Rev. J. M. Smith in his place. By this committee Prof. J. F. Moser was examined, and, having been found qualified, he was ordained, July 27, in Daniel's Church, Lincoln Co., N. C., at a meeting of the North Carolina Conference.

### NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

Through Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, the Executive Committee of Missions in Virginia, I received notice that in the town of Manassas, Prince William Co., Va., he had, on July 28, organized a congregation with nineteen confirmed members. This congregation was named Bethel, and is the result of the missionary labors of the Virginia Conference. It is, for the present, under the care of Rev. P. C. Wike.

In Monroe, N. C., an organization was effected, on the first Sunday of August, by Rev. J. F. Moser, missionary of the North Carolina Conference, with thirteen confirmed members.

DEDICATIONS.

Through Rev. E. L. Lybrand, I was informed of the dedication of a new house of worship for St. Paul's E. L. Church, Lexington Co., S. C. The new church, I am informed, is one of the largest in the county, the dimensions being 46 x 60 feet. It is an excellent frame building, neatly finished throughout. It was consecrated on the second Sunday of May, Rev. L. E. Busby preaching the sermon, and the pastor, Rev. E. L. Lybrand, conducting the service.

On July 28, at a meeting of the North Carolina Conference, a new house of worship, erected by Daniel's E. L. congregation, Lincoln Co., N. C., was dedicated, the President preaching the sermon, and the pastor, Rev. J. A. Rudisill, conducting the service. This church is a commodious brick building, 50 x 75 feet, costing about $4,000.

PASTORAL CHANGES AND VACANCIES.

The pastorate in South Carolina, left vacant last year by the death of Dr. Smeltzer, extended a call in the spring to candidate W. L. Darr. Brother Darr accepted the call, and entered upon his labors in this field in June. There will doubtless be petitions at this meeting for his ordination.

Rev. J. M. Smith having resigned St. John's, Catawba Co., N. C., and Rev. C. H. Bernheim having taken charge in April, Shiloh and Friendship, Alexander Co., were, by this arrangement, left vacant. These were supplied by Dr. P. C. Henkel until his death, with the assistance of candidate J. T. Miller. By the death of Dr. Henkel, six congregations were left vacant. It is hoped that an arrangement will soon be made by which they can be supplied, or regularly served. Concordia congregation, Conover, called Rev. Prof. J. G. Schaid, who took charge in August.

Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner has resigned Lutheran Chapel, Glen Alpine, to take effect January 1st, 1890, and has made an arrangement by which Prof. Schaid will serve the congregation for him until that time.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt wrote me that, on account of inconvenience, he had resigned two churches in Shenandoah Co., Va.,—Mt. Calvary, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., taking charge, and St. David, Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck taking charge. The pastorate of Dr. M. L. Fox is still vacant.

The appointment of a visiting committee to Concordia College having been overlooked at our last meeting, on October 30, at the request of the President of the College, Prof. R. A. Yoder, I appointed for this purpose a committee, consisting of Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline and Rev. P. C. Wike.

MISSIONS.

There is evidently a growing interest throughout our Synod in the work of home missions, which should be a matter of rejoicing to us all. In Virginia and North Carolina, important missions have been undertaken, and are being prosecuted with gratifying results. There is not yet, however, that degree of co-operation on the part of all our pastors in this work, necessary to the highest measure of success. If this body can devise some method by which the hearty sympathy and co-operation of all our pastors and congregations can be enlisted in the general work of the church, it will be a "consummation devoutly to be wished."

Prof. J. G. Schaid's letter of honorable dismissal from the North Carolina Synod was placed in my hands this morning. As it would certainly be a suicidal policy on our part to receive men not in doctrinal harmony with us, Synod will, therefore, as usual, appoint a committee to confer with him, that, his harmony with us in doctrine being understood, he may be received according to the invariable custom of this body.

And now, brethren, in returning to you the trust committed to me, I offer my sincere and hearty thanks for the kindness and consideration shown me, humbly entreating God's blessing, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our deliberations, that wisdom, harmony, and brotherly love may control all our transactions.

J. C. MOSER.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The result of the election was as follows:

Rev. A. L. Crouse, President.
Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Rec. Sec'y.
Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline, Cor. Sec'y.
Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Treasurer.
Rev. J. M. Smith, Treas. Bene. Fund.
Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Asst. Treas. Bene. Fund.

Revs. R. A. Yoder and J. K. Efird were appointed to classify all letters and petitions addressed to Synod.

Synod adjourned for one hour. Benediction by the President.

## SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1 P. M.

The Synod was called to order by the President. The Secretary called the roll. The President appointed the following

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*I. On the State of the Church.*—Rev. Prof. M. L. Little, Rev. P. C. Wike, and Rev. J. K. Efird.

*II. On Examination.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, I. Conder, J. C. Moser, J. N. Stirewalt, D. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

### COMMITTEES TO REPORT DURING THIS CONVENTION.

*I. On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. A. Cromer, and Mr. C. L. Swartz.

*II. On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Prof. R. H. Cline, and Mr. Lewis Shealy.

*III. On President's Report.*—Revs. C. H. Bernheim, J. P. Price, and Mr. C. B. Sikes.

*IV. On Treasurers' Reports.*—Revs. J. K. Efird, J. F. Moser, and Mr. J. T. Miller.

*V. On Church Institutions.*—Revs. T. Moser, J. A. Rudisill, and Mr. David Jenkins.

*VI. On Missions.*—Revs. J. C. Moser, Prof. W. P. Cline, and Mr. R. E. Costner.

At the call of the President, the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund read the following report:

### TREASURER'S REPORT—BENEFICIARY FUND.

J. M. SMITH, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1888. | | DR. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. | 3. | To amount from Rev. D. A. Sox, Mt. Zion, Caldwell Co., N. C. | $ 1 00 |
| Dec. | 3. | To amount from W. Laminack, Zion, Ala. | 50 |
| Dec. | 3. | To amount from St. James, S. C. | 3 00 |

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| Dec. | 3. | To amount from Rev. J. K. Efird, from 4 churches, | 25 40 |
| Dec. | 3. | To amount from Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge . . . | 16 45 |
| Dec. | 3. | To amount from Rev. T. Moser's charge . . . . . | 15 00 |
| Dec. | 3. | To amount from Assistant Treasurer, Rev. S. Henkel | 40 00 |
| Dec. | 4. | To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge: Morning Star, $2 00; Mt. Calvary, $3 00 . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 4. | To amount from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge: Emmanuel's, $2 50; St. Andrew's, $2 50 . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 5. | To amount from Rev. W. P. Cline's charge . . . . | 11 44 |
| 1889. | | | |
| Jan. | 1. | To amount from Rev. J. S. Koiner, Glen Alpine, N. C., Luther Chapel . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Jan. | 24. | To amount from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge: Zion, $4 50; St. Peter's, $4 50 . . . . . | 9 00 |
| Jan. | 28. | To amount from former Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Moser, balance on hand . . . . . | 38 03 |
| Jan. | 28. | To amount from former Treasurer, refunded by former Beneficiary, N. G. Deal, less the interest . | 35 00 |
| Feb. | 24. | To amount from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge: St. Paul's, $5 00; Bethel, $2 35; St. John's, $1 65 . . | 9 00 |
| Apr. | 24. | To amount from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge: St. Stephen's, $5 28; St. Peter's, $2 06 . . . . . | 7 34 |
| May | 16. | To amount from Rev. R. H. Cline's charge . . . . | 12 85 |
| May | 22. | To amount from Rev. J. C. Moser's pastorate: Holy Trinity, $10 00; Zion, $10 00; Newton, $5 00. . . | 25 00 |
| May | 28. | To amount from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge: Salem, $4 00; Grace, $5 00 . . . . . | 9 00 |
| May | 28. | To amount from Concordia congregation, Conover . | 9 00 |
| Nov. | 2. | To amount from Assistant Treasurer, Rev. S. Henkel | 27 81 |
| Nov. | 8. | To amount from Assistant Treasurer, Rev. S. Henkel, from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt . . . . . | 18 00 |
| Nov. | 8. | To amount from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge: Mt. Holly, $5 00; Christ's, $5 00 . . . . . | 10 00 |
| | | | $337 92 |

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| 1888. | | Cr. | |
| Dec. | 22. | By cash to Jacob Wike . . . . . | $ 20 00 |
| 1889. | | | |
| Apr. | 2. | By cash to Jacob Wike . . . . . | 15 00 |
| Aug. | 16. | " " " . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 1. | " " " . . . . . | 20 00 |
| May | 23. | " " " . . . . . | 10 00 |
| | | | $75 00 |

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| Mar. 11. | By cash to A. L. Bolick | 20 00 | |
| Apr. 26. | " " " | 20 00 | |
| Aug. 1. | " " " | 15 00 | |
| Sept. 14. | " " " | 10 00 | |
| Oct. 1. | " " " | 10 00 | |
| | | | $75 00 |
| May 17. | By cash to J. J. George | 12 85 | |
| May 23. | " " " | 9 00 | |
| Aug. 1. | " " " | 10 00 | |
| Oct. 1. | " " " | 18 15 | |
| | | | $50 00 |
| May 22. | By cash to Wm. L. Darr | 50 00 | |
| | | | $50 00 |
| | | | $250 00 |
| | Balance on hand | $87 92 | |

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,

Nov. 9, 1889. TREAS. BEN. FUND.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee for examination.

Rev. S. Henkel, Assistant Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, being absent, his report was read by Rev. J. K. Efird, as follows:

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

SOCRATES HENKEL, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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| 1888. | DR. | | |
| Nov. 27. | To amt. due Synod | $ 51 79 | |
| 1889. | | | |
| Feb. 7. | To amt. from Rev. I. Conder | 5 00 | |
| Oct. 10. | To amt. from Rev. A. L. Crouse, Powder Spring Church | *2 25 | |
| Oct. 21. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Wike's charge—St. Paul's, $8 00; St. Matthew's, $10 00; St. Stephen's, $7 56; Rev. P. C. Wike, $2 00; Mrs. Mary A. Rhodes, 25 cents | 27 81 | |
| Nov. 5. | To amt. from Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Mt. Calvary, $2 00; Mt. Zion, $3 00; Emmanuel's, $6 00. | 11 00 | |
| Nov. 5. | To amt. from Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt's charge | 18 00 | |
| | | $105 85 | |

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| 1888. | | Cr. | |
| Dec. 3. | By cash paid Rev. J. M. Smith, Treasurer . . | $40 00 | |
| 1889. | | | |
| Oct. 21. | By order on Rev. P. C. Wike, in favor of Rev. J. M. Smith . . . . . | 27 81 | |
| Nov. 5. | By order on Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, in favor of Rev. J. M. Smith . . . . . | 18 00 | |
| | | $85 81 | |
| Nov. 5. | To balance due Synod . . . . . | | $30 04 |

*This amount of $2.25 should have been $2.75. The error of 50 cts. will appear in next report. ASSISTANT TREASURER.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

The Treasurer read his report.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. N. STIREWALT, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

SYNODICAL FUND.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1888. | | | |
| Dec. 1-6. | To amount received for Minutes . . . . . | | $56 05 |
| " 1-6. | To amount received for expenses to United Synod | | 3 50 |
| | Total amount received . . . . . | | $59 55 |
| 1889. | | | |
| Jan. 23. | By amount paid Rev. A. L. Crouse on expenses to United Synod . . . . . | $ 3 50 | |
| Jan. 23. | By amount paid Rev. A. L. Crouse for services as Secretary as per action of Synod . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Feb. 16. | By amount paid Henkel & Co., for printing, binding, mailing and expressing 1000 copies —44 pages—Minutes of Tennessee Synod | 56 94 | |
| | Total amount paid out . . . . . | $65 44 | |
| | Balance due Treasurer . . . . . | 5 89 | |
| | " " Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes 1887 | 2 62 | |
| | " " " " " " " 1888 | 14 90 | |
| | Total indebtedness . . . . . | | $23 41 |

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1888. | | | |
| Dec. | 4. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge, Cedar Grove church . . . . . | $ 12 10 |
| Dec. | 4. | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's, Rev. Cromer's charge | 7 00 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of Zion's, " " | 2 00 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of Emmanuel's, " " | 2 00 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of St. Andrew's, " " | 2 00 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Calvary, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge . . . . . | 2 37 |
| Dec. | 4. | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's, Rev. J. K. Efird's charge | 13 30 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of St. John's, " " | 12 60 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of St. Jacob's, " " | 5 45 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of St. Thomas', " " | 6 65 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's S. S., " " | 17 58 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of St. John's " " " | 9 80 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of St. Jacob's " " " | 14 72 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of St. Thomas', " " " | 1 20 |
| 1889. | | | |
| Jan. | 12. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. P. C. Wike's charge, to buy a lot for a church in Knoxville, Tennessee . . . | 5 50 |
| June | 29. | To amt. rec'd of Bethlehem church, Rev. J. E. Shenk's charge. . . . . | 7 00 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd for Home Missions . . . . | $121 27 |

HOME MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1889. | | | |
| Jan. | 17. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | $113 90 |
| July. | 1. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | 7 00 |
| | | By amt. paid for draft and postage . . . . . | 37 |
| | | Total amt. paid for Home Missions . | $121 27 |

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1888. | | | |
| Dec. | 4. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge, Cedar Grove Church . . . . . | 3 00 |
| Dec. | 4. | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's, Rev. Cromer's charge | 3 00 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of Zion's, " " | 1 00 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of Emmanuel's, " " | 1 00 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of St. Andrew's, " " | 1 00 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge . . . | 3 00 |
| " | | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Calvary, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge . . . . . | 2 00 |

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| Dec. 4. | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's, Rev. J. K. Efird's charge | | 3 90 |
| " | To amt. rec'd of St. John's, " " | | 5 00 |
| " | To amt. rec'd of St. Jacob's, " " | | 10 |
| " | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's S. S., " " | | 8 00 |
| " | To amt. rec'd of St. Jacob's " " " | | 8 00 |
| 1889. | | | |
| Apr. 16. | To amt. rec'd of Bethlehem church, per Rev. Shenk, | | 7 00 |
| May 20. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge . . . . | | 20 00 |
| July 1. | To amt. rec'd of J. D. Printz, subs. to *Miss. News* . | | 25 |
| | Total amt. rec'd for Foreign Missions . . . . | | $66 25 |

FOREIGN MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1889. | | | |
| Jan. 17. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | $39 00 | |
| July 1. | By amt. sent J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | 27 08 | |
| " | By amt. paid for postal order and postage . | 17 | |
| | Total amt. paid for Foreign Missions | | $66 25 |

ALABAMA MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1889. | | | |
| Jan. 3. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. Crouse, col. at Synod in 1887 | | $ 5 00 |
| " 31. | To amt. rec'd of " " " | | 3 00 |
| Feb. 12. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. I. Conder's charge . . . . . | | 10 00 |
| Feb. 19. | To amt. rec'd of Bethel church, Rev. Crouse's charge | | 2 30 |
| May 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. P. Price's charge. . . . . | | 10 00 |
| May 20. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge . . . . | | 10 00 |
| May 29. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge, St. James' | | 5 00 |
| May 22. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge, Powder Spring church, $2 25; Zion church, $1 70—total | | 3 95 |
| June 28. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. P. C. Wike's charge . . . . . | | 12 00 |
| " | To amt. rec'd of Rev. A. L. Crouse, personal . . . . | | 1 00 |
| July 18. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. P. Cline's charge . . . . . | | 6 00 |
| Aug. 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge. . . . | | 10 00 |
| Aug. 17. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge. . . . | | 10 00 |
| Aug. 17. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. C. Moser's charge, Zion, $10; Holy Trinity, $10; Church in Newton, $5—total . | | 25 00 |
| Oct. 15. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. D. J. Settlemyre's charge . . . | | 10 00 |
| " | To amt. rec'd of Rev. A. L. Crouse, personal . . . . | | 1 00 |
| | Total amt. rec'd for Alabama Mission . . . . . | | $124 25 |

ALABAMA MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1889. | | | |
| June 25. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox | $49 | 00 |
| " | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 27 |
| July 3. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox | 12 | 88 |
| " | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 12 |
| Aug. 19. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox | 15 | 83 |
| " | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 17 |
| | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox | 34 | 83 |
| | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 15 |
| | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox | 10 | 88 |
| | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 12 |
| | Total amt. paid out | $124 | 25 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER.

This report was received and handed to the committee.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THEOLOGICAL FUND.

REPORT OF THEOLOGICAL FUNDS OF E. L. TENN. SYNOD, DEPOSITED WITH TREASURER CONCORDIA COLLEGE, CONOVER, N. C.

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| 1888. | | | |
| Dec. | To balance on hand—statement 1888 | $12 | 87 |
| Dec. 10. | To cash of Rev. J. A. Cromer | 3 | 00 |
| 1889. | | | |
| Feb. 26. | To cash of Rev. J. M. Smith | 1 | 20 |
| June 20. | To cash of St. John's, Catawba Co. | 1 | 15 |
| Oct. 16. | To cash of Rev. J. G. Schaid | | 50 |
| Oct. 29. | To cash of Rev. P. C. Wike's charge | 2 | 00 |
| | | $20 | 72 |
| 1889. | | | |
| May 16. | By cash paid Rev. J. S. Koiner | $17 | 07 |
| Oct. 16. | By cash paid Rev. J. S. Koiner | 1 | 65 |
| | | 18 | 72 |
| | Balance in Treasury | $2 | 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. HUNSUCKER, TREAS. C. C.

On motion, the roll of delegates, appointed to attend the convention of the United Synod, to be held at Wilmington, N. C., was called, and it was found that some of these delegates could not attend. Others were appointed in-

stead of those who could not go. The vacancies were partially filled. Col. A. H. Crowel and Rev. J. F. Moser were appointed to fill vacancies.

The following resolution, on pages 35 and 41, last year's Minutes, was rescinded:

*Resolved*, That it is the rule that the President of this Synod shall be a delegate to the United Synod, and shall be the chairman of its delegation.

The Special Committee on Church Discipline, composed of Revs. Prof. J. S. Koiner, A. L. Crouse, and Prof. M. L. Little, was so changed as to make Rev. A. L. Crouse chairman of said committee.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to prepare and present to Synod suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D.: Revs. T. Moser, J. R. Peterson, and Prof. M. L. Little.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ A. M. Prayer and benediction by Rev. Prof. M. L. Little.

## THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9½ A. M.

The members of Synod having assembled, Divine Services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Rudisill. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. J. R. Peterson presented the Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions. The report was received and considered by items.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, the committee, appointed to report on Letters and Petitions addressed to this convention of Synod, submit the following:

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. G. Schaid, inclosing a letter of honorable dismission from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina, with a view to admission as a member of this Synod, and, as it was not convenient to him to be present at this

meeting, he asks that "some one" be appointed to confer with him in colloquium with a view to his installation as pastor and professor.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., in which he asks Synod to excuse his absence from this convention in consequence of the feeble condition of his wife. Your committee recommend that Rev. Henkel be excused.

No. 3 is a letter, addressed to the President of Synod by Rev. J. S. Koiner, asking to be excused for his absence from this meeting, assigning the distance from the place of meeting as the cause of his absence. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, in which he asks to be excused. We recommend that Rev. Hausenfluck be not excused.

No. 5 is a petition from Shiloh Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Alexander Co., N. C., asking for the examination and ordination of candidate J. P. Miller to the office of pastor.

No. 6 is a petition from Salem Church, Alexander Co., N. C., praying for the examination and pastoral ordination of candidate James T. Miller.

No. 7 is a petition from St. Jacob's, St. Thomas, and Bethlehem churches, Lexington Co., S. C., asking for the examination and ordination of candidate W. L. Darr to the office of the ministry.

Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 are petitions from the following congregations, praying to be received as integral parts of this Synod, viz.: St. Luke's Church, Monroe, N. C.; Mount Olive Church, Catawba Co., N. C.; Mount Tabor Church, New Brooklyn, S. C.; Bethel Church, Manassas, Va. We recommend that these congregations be received.

No. 12 is a petition, asking Synod to hold her next annual convention in St. James Church, Catawba Co., N. C.

No. 13 is a letter addressed to Synod by Rev. D. J. Settlemyre, in which he states that he had made an arrangement to visit vacant congregations in Watauga Co., at the time of Synod, and could not in consequence attend this convention, and asks to be excused.

No. 14 is a petition from Solomon's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., cordially inviting Synod to hold the next annual convention with that congregation.

No. 15 is a letter from Rev. J. E. Berley, elected at the last meeting of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as fraternal delegate to this Synod, in which he conveys to us the greetings of his Synod, and prays the blessing of God upon our labors, and states that circumstances were such as to prevent his presence at this meeting.

No. 16 is a letter from Rev. H. M. Brown, inclosing his credentials as delegate from the North Carolina Synod to this Synod, in which he

expresses his regret that he could not attend this convention of our Synod, and extends the most fraternal feelings and brotherly love of his Synod.

No. 17 is a letter from Rev. J. I. Miller in which he asks to be excused for his absence from this meeting.

No. 18 is a letter from Rev. L. K. Probst, General Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evang. Lutheran Church in the South, in which he informs us that it was his intention to attend this meeting, but was prevented by necessary attention to the work connected with his office. He calls the attention of Synod to the remaining indebtedness of this body to the Mission Board according to the apportionment made at the last meeting of the United Synod.

Your committee recommend that all the above letters be read before Synod.

No. 19 is a letter from Rev. D. Efird, in which he informs us that in consequence of the feeble state of his health, it was not convenient for him to be present at this meeting, and asks to be excused. We recommend that Rev. Efird be excused.

No. 20 is a letter from Rev. D. A. Goodman, through which he informs us that because of bodily affliction he is absent from this meeting of Synod, and asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

Nos. 21, 22, and 23 are petitions from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., Mt. Pleasant Church, Alamance Co., N. C., and Melanchthon's Church, Randolph Co., N. C., informing Synod that they have extended a call to Mr. D. I. Offman to become their pastor, and calling for his examination and ordination. We recommend that their request be complied with.

No. 24 is a petition from Emmanuel's Church, New Market, Va., inviting Synod to hold her next annual convention with that congregation.

No. 25 is a verbal petition extended by the Pastor, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, of Mt. Calvary Church, Page Co., Va., inviting Synod to hold her next annual convention with that congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
J. A. CROMER,
C. L. SWARTZ.

Item 1. Complying with this item, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the request of Rev. Prof. J. G. Schaid be granted, and that the Committee on Examination in North Carolina, Revs. J. M. Smith and J. C. Moser, be instructed to confer with Rev. Schaid as soon as possible, and, if the conference is satisfactory, this committee be empowered to have his name placed on our clerical roll.

Item 2. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was excused.

Item 3. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner was excused.

Item 4. The recommendation of the committee was sustained as amended, and Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was not excused.

Items 5, 6, and 7 were referred to the Examining Committee.

Items 8, 9, 10, and 11. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and these congregations were received: Mt. Tabor, Richland Co., S. C.; Mt. Olive, Catawba Co., N. C.; St. Luke's, Union Co., N. C.; Bethel, Prince William Co., Va.

Item 12 was deferred until the time for fixing the time and place for holding the next convention of Synod.

Item 13. Rev. D. J. Settlemyre was excused.

Item 14 was deferred until the time for fixing the time and place for holding the next convention of Synod.

Items 15, 16, 17, and 18. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, the letters were read in open Synod by the Secretary, and Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D., was excused.

Item 19. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and Rev. D. Efird was excused.

Item 20. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and Rev. D. A. Goodman was excused.

Items 21, 22, and 23. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and Mr. D. I. Offman was examined and ordained pastor.

Items 24 and 25 were postponed until the time for con-

sidering the time and place for holding the next convention of Synod.

The report was adopted as amended, as a whole.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim read the following Report of the Committee on President's Report:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the President's Report, find nothing therein requiring the action of this body. We recommend that it be published with the Minutes.

Yours respectfully,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
J. P. PRICE,
C. B. SIKES.

This report was adopted and the recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder read the following report:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

We, the Committee on Examination in the State of North Carolina, to whom was referred the matter of examining and ordaining Prof. J. F. Moser, would state that the examination was held, and that it was satisfactory to the committee. Prof. J. F. Moser was found to be well qualified to bear the office of pastor; and he was therefore set apart for the work of pastor, by the rite of ordination, on the 27th day of July, 1889, at Daniel's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lincoln Co., N. C., at a meeting of the North Carolina Conference. We, therefore, commend him to the favorable reception of this body, and ask that his name be placed on our ministerial roll.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
J. M. SMITH.

This report was received and adopted, and the name of Prof. J. F. Moser appears on the clerical roll.

Synod adjourned to meet after recess. Benediction by the President.

## FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1 P. M.

The President called Synod to order. Roll called.

Rev. J. M. Smith, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, read the following report, which was received and sanctioned.

### REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

As it pleased God to remove the beloved President of our Board of Trustees of Concordia College, as Secretary of the same, I will make this short report of Concordia College, the Institution of the Tennessee Synod:

During the past synodical year, this Institution has enjoyed a good degree of success. Some changes were made—Profs. J. S. Koiner, J. F. Moser, and D. A. Sox resigned, and their resignation was accepted by the Board.

The vacancy thus made was filled by calling Rev. Prof. J. G. Schaid and J. P. Miller. These accepted their call to this relation, and entered upon their work at the beginning of the fall term of school, laboring successfully in their arduous duties, giving good satisfaction to all.

It is to be hoped that Synod will heartily sanction and endorse what the Board has done. Our school, dear brethren, needs your help, your encouragement, your sons, your daughters. It must be the fountain whence shall go forth to fill the cries, coming up from all quarters, Come over and help us.

This Institution is in infancy, and is your infant, nurse it kindly and tenderly, that it may do its work, and send out streams to make glad the city of our God. May it be the good pleasure to fill in the vacancy made by the death of our President.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH, SECRETARY OF BOARD.

Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder read the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business as follows. It was received and considered by items.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they find very little in the last Minutes of Synod requiring the attention of this session.

(1) On page 21 of Minutes of 1888, we find a recommendation that pastors and congregations send contributions to the Theological Professorship fund. Has this been done?

(2) On page 29, we find that Revs. J. S. Koiner and R. A. Yoder were appointed a committee to revise the course of study for private students in Theology. Has this been done?

(3) On page 29, we find a committee, composed of Revs. J. M. Smith and J. A. Rudisill, appointed to revise our parochial reports.—Are they prepared to report?

(4) On page 33, we find that Revs. J. N. Stirewalt and R. A. Yoder were appointed a committee to settle the matter of expenses of delegates to the United Synod of the South, at Savannah. Has this matter been attended to? Respectfully submitted, R. A. YODER,
R. H. CLINE,
LEWIS SHEALY.

Item 1. Complied with in part.

Item 2. The committee submitted the following report:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON A REVISED COURSE OF STUDY FOR PRIVATE STUDENTS OF THEOLOGY.

### COURSE FOR STUDENTS OF THEOLOGY.

#### I. FIRST PART.

1. Horne's Introduction.
2. Weidner's Theological Encyclopædia.
3. Harper and Weidner's Introductory New Testament Greek Method.
4. Greek New Testament, with
5. Bengel's Gnomon.
6. Oehler's Old Testament Theology.

#### II. SECOND PART.

1. Kurtz's Sacred History.
2. Kurtz's Church History.
3. Hagenbach's History of Doctrine.

#### III. THIRD PART.

1. Book of Concord.
2. Luthardt's Dogmatics.
3. Krauth's Conservative Reformation.
4. Schmid's Dogmatics.
5. Mann's Schmidt's Ethics.
6. Martensen's Christian Ethics.

IV. FOURTH PART.

1. Horn's Evangelical Pastor.
2. Hoppin's Homiletics.
3. Van Oestersee's Practical Theology.

Attention must be given to Liturgics, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity. Respectfully submitted, J. S. KOINER,
R. A. YODER,
COMMITTEE.

This report was received and considered. Moved that it be spread upon the Minutes, and its adoption be deferred till the next convention of Synod. The motion prevailed.

Item 3. The committee submitted the following report, which was received, considered, and adopted as amended.

FORM FOR PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| PASTORS. | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Received by Letter. | Transfers. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday Schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Bene. Education. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Synodical Fund. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. |
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J. M. SMITH,
J. A. RUDISILL,
COMMITTEE.

Item 4. Partially complied with, and the following report was received, considered, and adopted:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SETTLEMENT OF EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO UNITED SYNOD AT SAVANNAH.

We, the committee appointed to settle the matter of expenses to the United Synod at Savannah, would beg leave to submit the following statement, which is the best that we can do from the information in hand, which is neither full nor satisfactory to your committee:

| | Expenses. | Paid. | Due. |
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| J. C. Moser | $21 85 | $16 02 | $ 5 83 |
| J. S. Koiner | 21 85 | 18 97 | 2 88 |
| J. F. Moser | 21 65 | 12 35 | 9 30 |
| A. L. Crouse | 26 45 | 11 50 | 14 95 |
| S. Henkel | 30 80 | 10 00 | 20 80 |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 32 52 | 18 05 | 14 45 |
| Wm. Coffman | 31 50 | 31 50 | . . . |
| Isaiah Bowman | 31 50 | 31 50 | . . . |
| E. L. Lybrand | 12 00 | 12 00 | . . . |
| J. K. Efird | 12 85 | 12 85 | . . . |
| H. A. Meetze | 12 00 | 12 00 | . . . |
| C. M. Efird | 12 00 | 12 00 | . . . |
| Total amount due | | | $68 21 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. STIREWALT,
R. A. YODER.

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole.

It was moved that each pastor of this Synod be and is hereby requested to ask each of his congregations for money to pay remaining expenses of delegates to the United Synod at Savannah, Ga. The motion prevailed.

It was moved that Synod pay the expenses of delegates to the United Synod at Wilmington, N. C., *pro rata*, out of any available money in the synodical treasury not otherwise applied. This motion prevailed.

Rev. T. Moser read the following Report on Church Institutions.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

From the information furnished us, we find Concordia College is in a prosperous condition, and we learn from the reports of the President of the College and of the Board, that the professors, Revs. J. S. Koiner, J. F. Moser, and D. A. Sox, having offered their resignations, which were accepted by the board, and the vacancies caused by their resignations have been filled by calling Rev. Prof. J. G. Schaid and Prof. J. P. Miller, who have accepted and are now working satisfactorily. (Item 1.) We recommend that Synod approve the action of the Board. We also learn from the Visiting Committee, that the institution is in great need of an endowment fund and of a better college building. (Item 2.) We commend this matter to the serious attention of Synod, and hereby submit their report, to be considered by Synod, and recommend that it be read.

T. MOSER,
J. A. RUDISILL,
D. JENKINS.

The report was received and considered by items. The report was adopted as a whole.

Item 1. The recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Item 2. The recommendation of the committee was sustained.

On motion, Rev. J. C. Moser was nominated to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., in the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, Conover, N. C. The motion prevailed.

Inasmuch as Maj. A. Koiner has not signified his willingness to be a member of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, it was moved that his name be dropped, and that Mr. William Coffman be elected to fill the vacancy. This motion was sustained.

Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline read the Report of the Visiting Committee to Concordia College. This report was received and considered by items.

## REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE TO CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

We, the committee, appointed by the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, to visit Concordia College and report its condition to Synod, submit the following:

We visited the school, and found it in a prosperous condition, having enjoyed, during the last scholastic year, a largely increased patronage. The teachers were energetic and faithful in imparting both religious and literary knowledge with a commendable degree of success. We also found the students devoted to their studies, under good discipline, with proper respect for their instructors. But notwithstanding its present success, as noted above, the result of self-sacrifice on the part of the faculty, we find the school laboring under serious disadvantages. (1) It needs an endowment. This is not possible to be obtained under the present circumstances, as such funds cannot be secured for the benefit of the school conducted in the present building; therefore, we earnestly recommend that Synod take the necessary steps to furnish, in the near future, this institution with suitable college buildings. (2) We also recommend that Synod take some immediate steps toward supplying a theological teacher at Concordia College, as there are now a number of young men in college who should receive instruction in theology.

W. P. CLINE,
P. C. WIKE.

Item 1. On motion, this report was referred to a special committee of three, composed of Revs. J. C. Moser, I. Conder, and J. K. Efird. The motion prevailed.

The report of this committee was made the special item of business for 9½ A. M., Monday morning.

Item 2. Action deferred for the present.

Rev. J. K. Efird read the Report of the Committee on Treasurers' Reports as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURERS' REPORTS.

We, your Committee on Treasurers' Reports, have examined the same, and make the following:

1. The report of the Treasurer of the Theological Fund of Concordia College, we find correct, so far as we can learn without vouchers. There is a balance in this fund of two dollars.

2. The Synodical Treasurer's Report we find correct, and vouchers for the disbursements. The total indebtedness of this fund is twenty-

three dollars and forty-one cents. The part of this report referring to the Alabama, Home, and Foreign Missions we find also correct, and the accounts balance evenly.

3. We have also examined the report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education, and find it correct as far as we can see and understand without vouchers.

We, your committee, recommend that hereafter vouchers be furnished, with all financial reports, for the information of the committee examining such papers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. EFIRD,
J. F. MOSER,
J. P. MILLER.

This report was received and adopted.

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

*To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—The condition of our School is very favorable, both as to number of students and the moral and literary condition. The enrollment for the present term is 102, which is not quite as large as for corresponding term for last year, although there is an increase in the college department. There have been several changes in the faculty since my last report, and as there is, since the death of Dr. P. C. Henkel, no Chairman of the Board of Trustees, by whom this information may reach you, I make a few statements with reference to these changes.

Revs. Profs. J. S. Koiner, J. F. Moser, and D. A. Sox, having offered their resignations, they were accepted by the Board. The vacancies caused by their resignations have been filled by calling Rev. Prof. J. G. Schaid and Prof. J. P. Miller, who have accepted and are now working with great acceptance. Hoping to secure an increased interest in our Synod with reference to our School, I am

Respectfully,

R. A. YODER,
PRESIDENT OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9½ A. M. Prayer and benediction by the President.

## FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9½ A. M.

The members of Synod met, and the President invited Rev. C. H. Bernheim to lead the Synod in divine service. The roll was called, and the minutes of the last session were read, received, and approved.

Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D., and Mr. R. E. Costner were excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this convention of Synod.

Rev. J. C. Moser submitted the following paper on the Report of the Visiting Committee to Concordia College:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON VISITING COMMITTEE TO CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the Visiting Committee to Concordia College, recommend the following amendment to the plan proposed by the committee:

*Resolved* 1. That a committee of five energetic men, three ministers and two lay-men, be appointed by this Synod to conduct this work, with instructions to begin the work of raising funds in Conover and vicinity, with the privilege of extending their labors to a distance of three miles from the College, and when they shall have secured in this territory the sum of $2500, they shall be authorized to continue their work in other portions of the Tennessee Synod.

2. This committee shall be empowered to continue their labors, and with advice of the Board of Trustees, erect a suitable building or buildings; provided, however, no step shall be taken in this direction until at least $10,000 shall have been secured. J. C. MOSER.

The report was received, and after considerable discussion it was adopted as a whole.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Rev. J. M. Smith, was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, Seeing the widespread ruin that is stalking over our land, church, homes, and individuals, by the manufacture of and traffic in spirituous liquors; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Synod most earnestly and kindly advises all its members not engaged in such work, to keep hands off, and all such as are engaged, to early abandon it.

The delegate from this Synod to the E. L. South Carolina Synod submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

### REPORT OF DELEGATE TO SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Your delegate did not find it convenient to attend the convention of the South Carolina Synod, but sent a fraternal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. LYBRAND.

On motion, divine services for this 11 A. M. and preaching be dispensed with, and the business of Synod continued. The motion prevailed.

### PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS OFFERED BY REV. PROF. M. L. LITTLE WITH REFERENCE TO CHARLOTTE FEMALE SEMINARY.

WHEREAS, Certain of our brethren have undertaken to establish a first-class female college, to be located in the city of Charlotte, N. C., which institution is to be conducted in accordance with the Confessional Basis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as contained in the Book of Concord, and in which Luther's Catechism and Lutheran training are to constitute part of the college curriculum; and

WHEREAS, These brethren ask the hearty endorsement and co-operation of this Synod in establishing such an institution of learning; therefore, be it

*Resolved* 1. That the Tennessee Synod hails with pleasure the prospect of securing such an institution for the higher education of our daughters.

2. That, in the judgment of this Synod, Charlotte is a very suitable location for said female college.

3. That this Synod heartily endorses this educational enterprise, and will lend it her moral and substantial support.

This paper was received and considered item by item for some time. Further discussion of this paper was postponed till 1 P. M.

Rev. T. Moser read the following resolutions on the death of Father Henkel, which were received and unanimously adopted by a rising vote, the entire Synod standing a few minutes in silent prayer.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF REV. P. C. HENKEL, D. D.

Your committee, appointed to report resolutions on the death of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., submit the following:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to remove our dear brother from his labors in the Church militant to his reward in the Church triumphant, be it

*Resolved* 1. That in the death of Brother Henkel the Church has lost an able and valiant defender of her time-honored doctrines, the Synod a most faithful and devoted member, society an excellent neighbor and loyal citizen, and the bereaved family an exemplary Christian husband and father.

2. That we humbly submit to this dispensation of our Heavenly Father, that we devoutly cherish the memory of our beloved brother and fellow-laborer, that we hereby express our appreciation of his labors, toils, and sacrifices for the cause of Christ, and that we lay seriously to heart the solemn lesson addressed to us.

3. That we tender the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement, and commend them to the care of the Good Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the afflicted family, and that a page of our Minutes be inscribed to the memory of our departed brother in Christ.

T. MOSER,
J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. LITTLE,
COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. C. Moser read the Report of the Committee on Missions, together with the reports of the Executive Committees on Missions from the three Conferences of this Synod. These reports were received and adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT—Your Committee on Missions submit the following:

We have received a report from the Chairman of Executive Committee of Missions of the N. C. Conference, and also one from the Chairman of Va. Conference, giving a full account of the missionary work of these Conferences during the past synodical year. We recommend that these reports be published in the Minutes of the Synod. We also submit a report of the S. C. Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,
W. P. CLINE,
C. L. SWARTZ.

## REPORT OF S. C. CONFERENCE OF TENNESSEE SYNOD.

The South Carolina Conference has no mission directly under its care, but has, during the past year, given aid to some weak congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. LYBAND,
COMMITTEE OF S. C. CONFERENCE.

## REPORT OF MISSION WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

As Chairman of the Executive Committee of Missions in North Carolina, I am glad to be able to report progress in our work. We have undertaken a promising mission in Monroe, Union County. Prof. J. F. Moser accepted a call to this field in the spring, and entered upon his labors there the first of May. He effected an organization there on the first Sunday in August with thirteen confirmed members, and since additions have been made, increasing this number to a confirmed membership of twenty-two.

A very eligible lot for a church has been secured, the gift of one of the members, Col. A. H. Crowell, and a subscription raised amounting to $1,100. Our missionary at Monroe serves two other small congregations. Our committee has guaranteed him $200 in addition to the amount raised in the field. One-half of the sum promised by conference has been paid, and we trust the remainder will be met without difficulty. The outlook for this mission is very encouraging.

Efforts have been made by our committee to secure a missionary

to labor along the line of the W. N. C. R. R., including Asheville and other points of importance, but up to this time our efforts have been unavailing. In Watauga and surrounding counties we have a promising field for missionary efforts, but, for the want of laborers, we have not been able to cultivate it properly. We have not succeeded in finding a suitable man for this work.

At Statesville an important mission has been begun by the private labors of Rev. D. J. Settlemyre. A congregation has been organized, which now has a membership of eighteen confirmed members. A very desirable site for a church has been secured at a cost of $350, and has been paid for by the congregation; but their resources are limited, and without help they cannot build. I would make an earnest appeal to our pastors and members generally in behalf of our faithful and self-denying band of Lutherans in Statesville.

Upon the whole, a very decided advance has been made in the North Carolina Conference. The missionary zeal and activity of our pastors and people are being aroused, and we are led to look for still more encouraging results in the future. J. C. MOSER,

CHR. EX. COMM. MISSIONS N. C. CONFERENCE E. L. TENN. SYNOD.

## REPORT OF MISSION WORK IN VIRGINIA.

NEW MARKET, VA., OCT. 24, 1889.

REV. J. C. MOSER,

DEAR BROTHER:—I write you this A. M. in compliance with the action of our last Synod. See page 29, last year's Minutes, item 4. As President of the Virginia Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod and Executive Committee of Missions in said Conference, I communicate the following: As a Conference we are doing what we can to enlarge our borders, to gather together scattered members of our beloved church and administer to them the means of grace. During the last conferential year I organized a congregation at Manassas, Va., with 19 confirmed members. I wrote you sometime ago in regard to this place. It is being supplied with regular monthly services by brother P. C. Wike. Our interests at that place are worthy of attention, and our services there are rapidly gaining favor. This congregation will apply for admission into our Synod this fall. Our pastors are all decidedly in favor of Mission work, and our people are being brought to a sense of their duty in that respect. In carrying on this noble work in the name of our dear Lord, we meet with the usual complaint, namely, scarcity of men and money.—There are other places within the limits of our conference which we will endeavor to work during this year.

Yours fraternally, J. PAUL STIREWALT,

PRES. VA. CON. E. L. TENN. SYNOD AND EX. COMM. ON MISSIONS.

Synod adjourned to meet at 1 P. M. This session was closed with benediction by Rev. J. M. Smith.

## SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 1 P. M.

Synod convened. The roll was called, and the resolutions offered by Prof. Little with reference to the proposed Charlotte Female Seminary, fixed for this hour, were taken up and considered.

On motion, the preamble and first resolution were adopted.

The second resolution was adopted.

The third resolution was adopted.

The whole was adopted as amended.

The deferred item, No. 2, of the Report of the Visiting Committee to Concordia College, was taken up, and considered. The recommendation of the committee was sustained. The following special committee of three was appointed to suggest the name of a Theological Professor for the College. Committee: Revs. J. A. Rudisill, I. Conder, and Mr. Noah Hahn.

The Report of the Visiting Committee was adopted as amended as a whole.

Rev. Prof. M. L. Little was, on motion, appointed a principal delegate to the United Synod, to be held at Wilmington, N. C.

Committee announced by the President to secure $10,000 for the purpose of erecting new college buildings for Concordia College, Conover, N. C.: Revs. Prof. W. P. Cline, Prof. J. F. Moser, P. C. Wike, Mr. A. M. Huit, and Mr. Jonas Hunsucker.

On motion, a special committee of three was appointed to confer with Messrs. Henkel & Co., publishers of *Our Church Paper*, and ascertain the least number of *bona fide*

additional subscribers to *Our Church Paper* required to reduce the subscription price to $1.00 per annum. The result of this conference is to be published in said paper as soon as practicable. The motion prevailed, and the committee was composed of Revs. J. Paul Stirewalt, J. A. Rudisill, and I. Conder.

On motion, Revs. H. Wetzel, D. A. Sox, and D. C. Huffman were excused.

On motion, the following applicants were received and referred to the Examining Committee for approval: Messrs. S. S. Keisler, J. T. Craps, G. E. Long, R. L. Fritz, D. F. Conrad, A. R. Beck, and W. H. Roof. The motion was sustained.

Rev. J. C. Moser offered the following resolution which is to take the place of standing resolution No. 1, page 38, last year's Minutes, and resolution 22, page 41, last year's Minutes,—these two resolutions being hereby rescinded.

*Resolved*, That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to take up in each of his congregations collections for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod; and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

This resolution after some discussion was adopted.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to prepare and present to this Synod a proper formula for administering the Lord's Supper. Committee: Revs. A. L. Crouse, T. Moser, and J. K. Efird. The motion was sustained.

Rev. Prof. M. L. Little read the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church. This report was received and adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on State of the Church submit the following:

From what your committee has been able to gather concerning the state of the church, we are pleased to state, that our church, taken as a whole, is in a prosperous and healthy condition, and that we have reason to be encouraged in our work, and to be devoutly thankful to the great Head of the Church for his continued grace and blessing.

The church in South Carolina is reported to your committee as encouraging to pastors and people. There are no vacant congregations in this State. Diligent attention is given to catechisation and to Sunday-school work. Church progress is seen in the erection of new houses of worship, in increased attendance upon public worship, in conformity to church usages and practices, in benevolent contributions, in educational work, and in genuine fruits of piety and godliness.

The church in Virginia also makes a favorable report concerning her condition and work. Here, too, the prosperity of the church may be clearly seen. There are no vacant congregations in this part of our territory. The relation between pastors, and pastors and people, is that of fraternal concord and Christian love. Increased liberality and active interest in missionary, Sunday-school, and educational work, as well as unity in doctrine and practice, are some of the evidences of deepening Christian life. We are gratified to make such a favorable report of our church in Virginia.

As to the state of the church in North Carolina, your committee see the same evidences of Christian life and activity, so clearly evident in other sections of our territory. We regret to report, however, that there are several congregations which have no pastors to feed and care for ther souls. We hope that some arrangement will be made to supply at an early day vacant pastorates and congregations. Church activity in all those pastorates, duly supplied with the means of grace, is clearly apparent. As a whole it is the opinion of your committee that the church in North Carolina is waking up to greater activity and deepening in spiritual life and devotion to the cause of Christ.

Praying the Great Head of the Church to bless us with all grace and every blessing, that we may grow in holiness of heart and righteousness of life to the praise of his holy name, we respectfully submit this paper.

M. L. LITTLE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
E. L. LYBRAND,
COMMITTEE.

Synod now considered the place and time of holding the next annual convention. Mt. Calvary Church, Page

County, Va., was selected as the place, and Friday, 10 A. M., before the fourth Sunday in October, 1890, as the time.

Rev. Prof. M. L. Little and Mr. David Jenkins were excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M. Rev. J. R. Peterson closed this session with prayer and benediction.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 A. M.

The members of Synod assembled, and the President called upon Rev. J. R. Peterson to conduct divine services and offer prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous session were read, received, corrected, and approved.

Rev. J. M. Smith read the Report of the Examining Committee.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

We, your Committee on Examination, beg leave to submit the following:

We examined Messrs. J. P. Miller, W. L. Darr, and D. I. Offman, and found them well qualified, sustaining the examination to the satisfaction of the committee, and we recommend that they be consecrated to the sacred office of the ministry.

The call of candidate J. T. Miller not being in due form, according to the requirements of Synod, brother Miller thought it best to decline examination at this convention.

J. M. SMITH,
J. C. MOSER,
J. N. STIREWALT,
I. CONDER.

The report was received, the recommendation of the committee was sustained, and the candidates were ordained pastors.

Rev. I. Conder read the report of the committee on the recommendation of a Theological Professor for Concordia College. The report was received and adopted.

PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AT CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

We, the committee, appointed to suggest the plan to fill the chair in the theological professorship at Concordia College, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, beg leave to recommend that, for the present, President of College, Prof. R. A. Yoder, give such instructions to students in theology as time and opportunity may demand, and that he be paid for his services in this work out of the beneficiary funds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. RUDISILL,
I. CONDER,
NOAH HAHN.

It was moved that the column in the Parochial Report, acknowledging the receipt of money for the Theological Professor be eliminated from said Parochial Report, and that all money in the hands of the Treasurer of the College and all money hereafter collected for that purpose, shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, and be used as beneficiary money. The motion was sustained.

On motion, the following resolution was offered and adopted, with reference to beneficiary J. J. George:

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as Synod has information that he has left college before the close of the term, on account of ill health, that the matter of his appropriation be placed into the hands of Examining Committee in North Carolina.

Pending the discussion of beneficiary appropriations, Synod adjourned to meet at 1½ P. M., with benediction by Rev. J. M. Smith.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

After the Synod was called to order, the Secretary called the roll.

On motion, an appropriation of $75.00 was made to beneficiaries A. L. Bolick and Jacob Wike, each. The motion prevailed.

On motion, an appropriation of $50.00 is to be made to beneficiary S. S. Keisler, at the beginning of the next scholastic year, provided he meet with the approbation of the Examining Committee in North Carolina. This motion was sustained.

Rev. J. M. Smith read the following Report of the Examining Committee, which was received and adopted:

### REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Examination held an interview with Messrs. D. F. Conrad, R. L. Fritz, A. R. Beck, and A. V. Sherrill. With these young men we are favorably impressed, and recommend that they be received by this Synod as candidates for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
J. C. MOSER,
COMMITTEE.

It was moved that an appropriation of $50.00 be made to beneficiaries D. F. Conrad and R. L. Fritz, each. The motion was sustained.

Rev. A. L. Crouse read the Report of the Committee on Formula of Distribution in the Lord's Supper. This report was received to be spread upon the Minutes for consideration till the next convention of Synod.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORMULA OF DISTRIBUTION IN THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We, your special committee, charged with the consideration of this matter, beg to report as follows:

*Resolved* 1. That it is the sense of this body that the elements in the Lord's Supper must be distributed with the unfailing use of Christ's words;

2. That our pastors be, and they are hereby, instructed to use the formula of our Synod found in its liturgy, page 80, namely:

"Take, and eat; this is the body of your Savior, Jesus Christ, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of him."

"Take, and drink; this is the blood of your Savior, Jesus Christ, which is shed for you, for the remission of sins; this do in remembrance of him."

The words, "May it strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting, Amen," may be used *after* the giving to the whole or any part of the communicants present at the altar, but never in the act of giving and receiving either element.

A. L. CROUSE,
T. MOSER,
J. K. EFIRD.

A vote of thanks was passed unanimously:

*Resolved*, That we hereby extend our most sincere thanks to the members and friends of this congregation, for the kind manner in which they have received and entertained us whilst in their midst.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim offered the following resolutions, pertaining to Missions and Pastors' Support, which have been adopted by the North Carolina Conference of this Synod. It is ordered that these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of this session of the Synod, for consideration at the next convention, with a view of Synod also adopting them.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

*Resolved* 1. That all vacant congregations be placed in charge of the Mission Committee.

*Resolved* 2. That we pastors promise our services to the best of our ability, to the Mission Committee, to supply those vacant congregations.

*Resolved* 3. That the Mission Committee make all the appointments as seems most feasible and profitable.

*Resolved* 1. That it is the duty of every member of the church to help support the pastor according to his ability.

*Resolved* 2. That we recommend to the Church Councils the propriety of collecting the pastor's salary by apportionment.

*Resolved* 3. That the Church Councils be instructed to require every member of the church to contribute to the support of the Gospel except such as in their judgment are too poor to do so.

*Resolved* 4. That we recommend the adoption of the following in every congregation within the bounds of the Conference.

The officers in each congregation shall carefully determine the

amount that can be raised by earnest effort for the support of the pastor, and shall pledge themselves to the pastor for said amount, and shall be responsible to him for its payment.

*Resolved* 5. That hereafter when a pastor is called to a vacant charge, the Church Councils shall first settle in full either by money or its equivalent with their former pastor.

*Resolved* 6. That no pastor shall accept such call until a satisfactory settlement be made with their former pastor.

*Resolved* 7. That this action be referred to the Synod, and that Synod be asked to adopt the same, for its general use or plan within our entire bounds.

Rev. J. C. Moser read the Report of the Synod's Mission Committee :

## REPORT OF SYNOD'S MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Synod's Mission Committee present the following statement of their work during the past year :

After considerable correspondence in an effort to make the best possible arrangement for carrying on the work of our church in Alabama, the committee extended a call to Rev. D. A. Sox. A call was also extended by the congregations. Brother Sox accepted the call, and began his work the first of June. He seems to be prosecuting the work with much energy, having a class of catechumens in each of his congregations. Besides preaching regularly to his own people, he has been actively engaged in visiting various points of interest in North Alabama and Georgia. He has visited Tallapoosa, Georgia, Anniston and Birmingham, Alabama. He finds Lutherans in all these towns. In Anniston there are about fifty members of our church, English, Swedes, and Germans. Here he has been preaching regularly for the past four months. He had set the second Sunday of October to effect an organization at this place, but on account of illness he was not able to meet the appointment. He proposes to organize there as soon as possible. At Tallapoosa, Ga., he has found several Lutheran families, and others are expected soon; and he thinks that an organization can be effected here ere long. In order to accomplish much at Birmingham, a pastor should be located there.

The sum of $——, the entire amount in the treasury prior to the opening of this convention, has been paid our missionary, and $—— are due him on the second quarter's salary, and should be paid at once.

The committee has been encouraged by the reports of the missionary, and express the hope that the time will soon come when Synod

will see its way clear to put an additional laborer into this important field. This we believe is necessary to the ultimate success of our missionary operations in Alabama.

We recommend that this Synod again pledge $300 for the maintenance of its work in Alabama for the ensuing year, and that the Mission Board be authorized to continue their work to the best advantage.

J. C. MOSER,
A. L. CROUSE.

The recommendation of this committee was sustained, and the report was adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION WITH REFERENCE TO REV. SCHAID.

*The Committee of Examination in N. C., appointed by Synod to hold an interview with Rev. Prof. J. G. Schaid, of Conover, N. C., with a view to his reception as a member of this Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

This duty was performed on the 13th of November, 1889, and we find that he is in full accord with us in his doctrinal views, and we recommend that his name be placed upon the clerical roll of the Tennessee Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
J. C. MOSER.

Rev. J. F. Moser offered the following resolutions, which were received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to have 1000 copies of our Minutes printed. That the usual number be supplied to ministers, students of theology, and sister synods.

*Resolved* 2. That each minister of the Synod do all in his power to sell these Minutes among his people.

*Resolved* 3. That each minister pledges himself to raise money in his charge during the coming year for synodical purposes, with a view to a change of the plan of distributing our Minutes.

On motion, the President appointed the following Board of Visitors to Concordia College: Revs. D. J. Settlemyre and Prof. R. H. Cline. The motion was sustained.

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*This report was received by the Secretary after his return home, and thinks it proper to insert it.—SECRETARY.

Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder offered the following resolution with reference to Rev. S. Henkel's History of the Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod. The resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Synod hails with delight the forthcoming History of the Tennessee Synod, by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.; that it commends it to the hearty reception of its pastors and people; and that it make earnest effort to sell it among our people.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place selected, and was closed with divine service, led by the President.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
SECRETARY.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Opening Sermon, Rev. J. C. Moser, Friday, 11 A. M.; 1 John 5, 4, last clause.

Friday, 7 P. M., Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Matt. 7, 13, 14.

Saturday, 11 A. M., Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D., James 1, 27.

Saturday, 7 P. M., Rev. J. F. Moser, Luke 2, 49, last clause.

Sunday, 11 A. M., in the Church, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Deut. 30, 19.

Sunday, 11 A. M., in the Grove, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Rom. 5, 8, 9.

Confession and Absolution, and the Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 2 P. M., in the Grove, Rev. I. Conder, Heb. 9, 16.

Sunday, 2 P. M., in the Church, Rev. J. K. Efird, John 3, 7.

Monday, 7 P. M., in the Church, Rev. J. A. Cromer, James 1, 22.

Tuesday, 11 A. M., Ordination Sermon, Rev. T. Moser, Acts 20, 28.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael.
CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas.
RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew, Mt. Tabor.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.
ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh.
BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.
CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Lutz.

CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Lutheran Union.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy, Mt. Olive.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel, St. Luke.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—Bethlehem, St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. William (Fairview), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

Total number, 105.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved 1.* That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to take up in each of his congregations collections for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod; and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

*Resolved 2.* That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

*Resolved 3.* That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved 4.* That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 5.* That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the Synodical year, to

ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 6.* That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved 7.* That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved 8.* That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved 9.* That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved 10.* That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our Ministers to ask their Congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved 11.* That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved 12.* That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved 13.* That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved 14.* That the chairmen of the Executive Committee of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the Missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved 15.* That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

*Resolved 16.* That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved 17.* That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination

and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and, if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved 18.* That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved 19.* That, with a view of establishing proper relations between Concordia College, situated at Conover, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, we, in meeting assembled, agree, 1. that, whenever a vacancy, or vacancies, occur, either by death, resignation, or removal, in the Board of Trustees or in the Faculty, the said Synod shall have the right as well as the privilege to recommend a suitable person, or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies; 2. that the Synod shall have the right to appoint a Board of Visitors, whose duty it shall be annually to visit said school, and make such report of the condition of the school to each session of the Synod, as be deemed most advantageous; 3. that it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to make a report annually to Synod, relative to moral and literary condition of the school, which report shall also be signed by the secretary of the faculty; 4. that the President of the Board of Trustees shall also make an annual report to Synod, in regard to the financial condition of the school, which report shall likewise be signed by the secretary of the Board of Trustees; 5. that this school shall be continued and conducted as a church institution, under such rules and regulations, as may be instituted by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the charter, and the Confessions of the Church as set forth in the Christian Book of Concord, each teacher, instructor, or professor, taking an obligation not to teach anything in said school that is contrary to said Confessions.

These stipulations or propositions shall be valid and in force, provided the said Synod shall acquiesce, and is disposed to lend said institution its fostering care and encouragement, as well as its influence and moral force; provided, that if the Synod shall fail, after notice, to recommend, in due time, a suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the proper authorities of said institution shall proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

*Resolved 20.* That we, as a Synod, accept the propositions made to us by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and that in consideration of the rights and privileges therein granted, we will lend to said institution our fostering care, influence, and moral support.—*See Minutes of 1883, page 18.*

*Resolved 21.* That our beneficiaries and students of theology shall neither preach nor absent themselves from their recitations without special permission of the faculty of Concordia College, and that we advise that they preach not more than once a month.

*Resolved 22.* That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 23.* That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

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# PAROCHIAL REPORT.

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| H. Wetzel | 1841 1 | | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P. C. Henkel, D. D. | 1843 3 | | 460 | 940 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R. Peterson | 1843 4 | | 210 | 400 | | 17 | 9 | | | 2 | | | 1 | 5 | 40 | $ 10 00 | | | $ 4 40 | $ 225 00 | | $ 10 00 |
| T. Moser | 1844 . | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D. Efird | 1847 1 | | 45 | 9 | | 4 | | | | 6 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| S. Henkel, D. D. | 1850 3 | | 315 | 600 | 4 | 29 | 18 1 | | | 13 | | | 2 | 14 | 118 | 11 00 | | 3 00 | | | |
| C. H. Bernheim | 1855 3 | | 184 | | | 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J. M. Smith | 1856 2 | | | | | 28 | 34 | | | 8 | | | 1 | | | 6 00 | | 1 90 | 200 00 | | 16 25 |
| J. I. Miller, D. D. | 1858 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L. A. Bikle, D. D. | 1858 2 | | 160 | 300 | | 11 | 21 | 4 | 7 | | | | 2 | 12 | 140 | 35 00 | | | 40 00 | | 10 00 |
| J. Conder | 1861 4 | | 143 | 152 | 4 | 3 | 18 | | | 5 | | | 3 | 38 | 186 | 3 25 | | 1 00 | 275 00 | 90 00 | |
| J. N. Stirewalt | 1871 4 | | 545 | 837 | 11 | 26 | 18 | | | 17 | | | 4 | 38 | 186 | 5 00 | | 1 20 | | 200 00 | |
| A. L. Crouse | 1871 4 | | 232 | 375 | 12 | 36 | 14 10 | 4 | | 6 | | | 1 | 6 | 35 | 18 00 | | 2 00 | 280 00 | | 16 25 |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 1873 4 | | 555 | 900 | 9 | 29 | 31 15 | 2 | | 14 | | | 2 | 17 | 150 | 18 00 | | 4 50 | 500 00 | 27 22 | 10 00 |
| J. C. Moser | 1873 3 | | 340 | 580 | 1 | 38 | 38 15 | 2 | | 8 | 1 | | 4 | 34 | 350 | 30 50 | | 2 50 | 650 00 | | 25 00 |
| M. L. Little | 1873 4 | | 412 | 600 | 2 | 42 | 19 3 | | | 6 | | | 4 | 18 | 175 | †55 75 | | 3 50 | 400 00 | | |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 1877 5 | | 441 | | | 15 | 14 | | | 7 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| J. K. Efird | 1877 3 | | 550 | 1100 | | 37 | 27 3 | 3 | | 14 | | | 3 | 10 | 135 | 8 35 | | 47 39 | 37 30 | 27 56 | 30 35 |
| J. A. Cromer | 1877 4 | | 366 | 669 | 1 | 16 | 4 3 | | | 7 | | | 5 | 22 | 266 | 16 00 | | | | 160 00 | |
| E. L. Lybrand | 1877 3 | | 420 | 675 | 1 | 40 | 22 6 | | | 5 | | | 3 | 25 | 200 | 11 50 | | | | 200 00 | |
| R. A. Yoder | 1879 3 | | 450 | 750 | 1 | 38 | 15 | | | 5 | | | 3 | 6 | | 20 00 | | | | | 5 00 |
| J. S. Koiner | 1881 1 | | 40 | 80 | | 5 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | | 2 50 | | 12 01 | | | 6 00 |
| W. P. Cline | 1881 5 | | 390 | 676 | 1 | 26 | 18 | | | 16 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 70 | | | | 300 00 | 65 00 | |
| D. A. Goodman | 1882 1 | | 38 | 99 | | 9 | 10 | | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 41 | | | | | | |
| D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 3 | | 310 | 450 | 1 | 40 | 10 | | | 5 | | 3 | | | | 20 00 | | | | | |
| D. A. Sox † | 1883 ‡2 | | 60 | 127 | | 7 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 6 | | | 1 00 | | | 215 00 | | |
| J. A. Rudisill | 1883 4 | | 740 | 1260 | 3 | 69 | 62 2 | 2 | | 10 | 2 | 4 | | | | 18 00 | | 33 59 | 20 00 | 200 00 | 10 00 |
| J. F. Moser | 1883 3 | | 86 | | 1 | 9 | 7 1 | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 1000 00 | |
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| P. C. Wike | 1886 4 | | 255 | 500 | 6 | 31 | 19 3 | | | 10 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 150 | 29 81 | | | 400 00 | | |
| J. P. Price | 1888 3 | | 133 | 328 | | 11 | 6 4 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 80 | 15 53 | | 16 00 | 496 00 | 50 00 | 12 00 |
| W. L. Darr ** | 1889 2 | | 327 | 615 | | 2 | 6 | | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | 127 | 16 50 | | | | | 10 00 |
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‡ Report for 6 months. ‖ Including the whole salary promised for 6 months. ² Besides two preaching points. ** Began work first of June. * Paid Treasurer of Missions of United Synod and of N. C. Conference of Tennessee Synod. † Paid Mr. L. L. Lohr, Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa. ¶ The amounts reported for Theological Professorship are included in the amounts for Beneficiary Education, according to resolution of Synod. ☞ *The new form being used and some failing to report—the table is quite incomplete.*

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OF THE

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# PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION.

St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., was chosen as the place, and Friday, 10 A. M., before the second Sunday in October, 1891, as the time.

# MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

# Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

## FIRST SESSION.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH,
STONY MAN, PAGE CO., VA.,
FRIDAY, October 24, 1890.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in her seventieth annual convention with Mt. Calvary congregation, Stony Man, Page Co., Va., at 10 A. M., October 24, 1890.

The President, Rev. A. L. Crouse, preached the opening sermon, from Phil. 3, 16. The clerical roll was called, and the names of the pastors present were enrolled.

The congregational roll was called and corrected.

The names of the delegates, after presenting their certificates of election, were also enrolled.

### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

| PASTORS. | POST-OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Rev. J. R. Peterson* | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser* | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D.* | New Market, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim* | Conover, N. C. |
| " D. Efird* | Lexington, S. C. |
| " J. M. Smith† | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D.* | Concord, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D. | Luray, Va. |
| " I. Conder | McGaheysville, Va. |
| " J. N. Stirewalt | Stony Man, Va. |

* Absent and excused. † Absent and not excused.

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| Rev. A. L. Crouse | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. P. Stirewalt | New Market, Va. |
| " Prof. M. L. Little | Dallas, N. C. |
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| " E. L. Lybrand | Summit Point, S. C. |
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| " J. S. Koiner | Culpeper C. H., Va. |
| " D. A. Sox* | Edwardsville, Ala. |
| " D. A. Goodman† | Happy Home, N. C. |
| " J. W. Hausenfluck | Alma, Va. |
| " Prof. W. P. Cline | Ilex, N. C. |
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| " J. A. Rudisill | Henry, N. C. |
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| " J. P. Price† | Concord, N. C. |
| " J. F. Moser | Monroe, N. C. |
| " W. L. Darr | Chapin, S. C. |
| " D. I. Offman | Julian, N. C. |
| " J. P. Miller* | Conover, N. C. |

## CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

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| J. T. Miller | Conover, N. C. |
| J. T. Craps | Lewiedale, S. C. |
| G. E. Long | Prosperity, S. C. |
| A. R. Beck | Ilex, N. C. |
| W. H. Roof | Columbia, S. C. |
| A. V. Sherrill | Hickory, N. C. |

## BENEFICIARIES.

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| J. J. George | Conover, N. C. |
| S. S. Keisler | Ops, Arkansas. |
| Jacob Wike | Moretz Mills, N. C. |
| D. F. Conrad | Ilex, N. C. |
| A. L. Boliek | China Grove, N. C. |
| R. L. Fritz | Ilex, N. C. |

* Absent and excused. † Absent and not excused.

### LAY-DELEGATES.

David J. Mathias—Emmanuel, Zion, St. Peter's (Meetze's), St. Andrew's, S. C.

D. C. Boland—St. Peter's (P. W.), S. C.

James T. Miller—St. John's, St. Timothy, N. C.

Haley Myers—Pilgrim's, Emmanuel, Holly Grove, Beck's, New Jerusalem, N. C.

C. J. Deal—Mt. Moriah, N. C.

A. L. Boliek—St. Mark's, N. C.

George T. Sillings—St. Paul's, Va.

A. J. Huffman—Alma, Fairview, Va.

John B. Lucas—Mt. Calvary, Va.

George Sours—Grace, Va.

George W. Printz—Morning Star, Va.

John W. Myers—St. Mary's (Pine), Va.

H. G. Swartz—St. Matthew's, Va.

George P. H. Lindamood—Mt. Calvary, Va.

John D. Kite—St. Paul's, Va.

Lorenzo Shipe—St. David's, Va.

J. F. Miller—Bethany, Va.

James J. Miller—Powder Springs, Va.

William Orndorf—St. Stephen's, Va.

John B. Hess—Mt. Zion, Va.

George W. Minnick—Solomon's, Va.

Samuel B. Arehart—Rader's, Va.

Isaac Miller—St. Paul's, Va.

Elon O. Henkel—Emmanuel's, Va.

The President, Rev. A. L. Crouse, read his annual report, which was to be referred to a committee yet to be appointed.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Another synodical year has been taken away from our future and added to the past. One more year of labor in the Master's vineyard has been performed; how well our Lord knoweth. Our mistakes cannot now be changed, but they may, if we allow, warn us against a repetition, and make us more watchful. Our successes have all been of God, and to him alone be glory while we praise him for the joy over sinners who repented, and whom God has, through us, brought into his kingdom of grace.

To the praise of God's glorious grace, by which he supplies us with pastors, we feel constrained to note that during the last two de-

cades of our history very few of our young and middle aged ministers have been called away to their reward, but we should be humbled by our loss of some of our fathers of ripest learning and experience. Last year Father Henkel was taken from us, and this year Father Wetzel has been permitted to follow him. He died March 3, 1890. Let us remember that God knows how to deal with us all, and when to call each of us, so that we be zealous in every good word and work, and each vigilant in his watch-tower on Zion's wall.

### OFFICIAL ACTS.

Soon after the adjournment of the last meeting of our Synod, I issued an order to our Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund for the payment to beneficiaries A. L. Boliek and Jacob Wike of $75 each, and of $50 to beneficiary R. L. Fritz, according to the appropriation of Synod. The Treasurer's report will show whether all has been paid. I also, early in this year, gave an order on the Treasurer for the amount of $16.53 due Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner for teaching theology in our College. Recently I gave an order on the Treasurer for $5 to beneficiary S. S. Keisler. At different times during the year, I ordered our Treasurer, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, to pay our Alabama Missionary, Rev. D. A. Sox, all the money which he had on hand, at no time going beyond the appropriation of Synod. This will be more fully explained in the report of the Board of Missions.

### INSTALLATIONS.

I have heard that Rev. C. H. Bernheim was installed, the fifth Sunday in March, 1890, during a meeting of the North Carolina Conference in St. John's church, as pastor of St. John's and St. Timothy, Catawba Co., and Philadelphia, Caldwell Co., N. C.

Having received and accepted a call to St. Stephen's and Mt. Olive congregations, Catawba Co., N. C., made vacant by the death of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., I requested Rev. J. C. Moser to install me, which service he attended to in St. Stephen's church, March 1, 1890.

On the fourth Sunday in March, 1890, I installed Rev. J. K. Efird as pastor of St. Peter's (P. W.) and St. John's congregations, Lexington Co., S. C., the service being held in St. Peter's church.

On the fifth Sunday in March, 1890, in St. Jacob's church, I installed Rev. W. L. Darr as pastor of St. Jacob's, St. Thomas, and Bethlehem congregations, Lexington Co., S. C.

On the third Sunday in April, 1890, I installed as pastor of Morning Star, Mecklenburg Co., Emmanuel and St. Luke's, Union Co., N. C., Rev. J. F. Moser, the service being held in Morning Star church.

The pastorate, composed of Melanchthon, Randolph Co., Mt. Pleasant, Alamance Co., and Coble's, Guilford Co., N. C., having called Rev. D. I. Offman as its pastor, I installed him the fourth Sunday in May, 1890. The service was held in Melanchthon church.

In June of this year, I authorized Rev. J. N. Stirewalt to install Rev. J. S. Koiner, who had received and accepted a call to Mt. Nebo, Madison Co., and Bethel, Prince William Co., Va., and also to the work of missionary in that part of Virginia. This he did the fifth Sunday in June, 1890, in Mt. Nebo church.

Other pastoral changes have been made, but no installations have been asked for. I direct the attention of all to our sixth standing resolution.

### RESIGNATIONS AND CALLS.

In December, 1889, I resigned my charge in Virginia, composed of Bethel, Rockingham Co., and Powder Springs, St. Jacob's, and Zion, Shenandoah Co., and accepted a call to Mt. Olive and St. Stephen's, Catawba Co., N. C. Rev. R. H. Cline received and accepted a call to my former pastorate, having resigned and left vacant the China Grove pastorate in North Carolina, which has since called candidate A. L. Bolick, for whose ordination a petition will doubtless be presented.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., resigned Mt. Calvary congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., and it has extended a call to Rev. P. C. Wike, who took charge of it in July of this year.

Candidate Jacob Wike has received and accepted a call to Friendship and Mt. Pleasant congregations, Watauga Co., N. C. A petition for his ordination will be presented to Synod.

Candidate J. T. Miller has received and accepted a call to St. Michael's congregation, Cleburne Co., Alabama. A petition for his ordination will be presented.

Rev. J. R. Peterson has resigned St. Luke, Gaston Co., N. C.

Rev. Prof. J. G. Schaid has accepted a call to the congregations in Newton and Glen Alpine, N. C.

Other calls have been noted in the report of installations.

### OFFICIAL LETTERS RECEIVED.

Some time in May of this year, I received a letter from Rev. Geo. H. Cox, President of the North Carolina Synod, extending to our body the fraternal greetings of that synod.

Some time in April of this year, I received a letter from Geo. B. Cromer, Esq., Newberry, S. C., Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod, notifying me that the

annual quota of our Synod's indebtedness to that institution had been fixed at $540.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That a committee be appointed to prepare and submit resolutions upon the death of Rev. H. Wetzel.

2. That the Synod instruct its Secretary to reply in a friendly way to the letter of the President of the North Carolina Synod.

3. That we decline to pay the amount asked for for the support of the United Synod's Theological Seminary, until that body shall have removed the barriers to our co-operation in such work, and we more clearly recognize the advisability of sustaining that institution.

4. That our Committee on Missions be discontinued, and its work be done by the Board of Missions.

5. That a practical course in literature and theology be provided for in our College, for students who have not time to take a full course, both in college and a theological seminary.

Dear brethren, please pardon me if I have offended any, excuse all my weaknesses and mistakes, and rest assured that I pray for God's richest blessing to rest upon you. A. L. CROUSE,

*President E. L. Tenn. Synod.*

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The result of the election was as follows:

Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline, President.
Rev. R. H. Cline, Recording Secretary.
Rev. P. C. Wike, Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Treasurer.
Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Treas. Bene. Fund.
Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Asst. Treas. Bene. Fund.

Revs. J. C. Moser and W. L. Darr were appointed by the President to classify all letters and petitions addressed to Synod.

Synod adjourned for one hour. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Moser.

## SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Secre-

tary called the roll. The President appointed the following

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*I. On the State of the Church.*—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Rev. J. F. Moser, Rev. J. A. Cromer.

*II. On Examination.*—Rev. R. A. Yoder, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Rev. J. K. Efird, Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Rev. I. Conder.

### COMMITTEES TO REPORT DURING THIS CONVENTION.

*I. On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. J. F. Moser, Rev. W. L. Darr, C. J. Deal.

*II. On Unfinished Business.*—Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, Rev. E. L. Lybrand, C. J. Deal.

*III. On Treasurer's Report.*—Rev. J. A. Rudisill, J. T. Miller, Harvey G. Swartz.

*IV. On President's Report.*—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Rev. P. C. Wike, A. L. Boliek.

*V. On Church Institutions.*—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Rev. I. Conder, J. D. Lucas.

*VI. On Missions.*—Rev. J. C. Moser, Rev. D. I. Offman, John W. Myers.

By request of the President, the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund read the following report of the former Treasurer of said fund:

### TREASURER'S REPORT—BENEFICIARY FUND.

J. M. SMITH, TREASURER BENEFICIARY FUND,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1889. | | DR. | |
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| Nov. | 8. | To balance on hand at close of Synod . . . . . | $ 87 82 |
| Nov. | 8. | To amt. from St. Stephen's . . . . . | 7 27 |
| Nov. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge: Mt. Calvary, $3.00; Morning Star, $2.00 . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Nov. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge: Sardis, $4.00; Bethphage, $4.00; Trinity, $6.00; Daniel's, $4.50 . . . . . | 18 00 |

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| Nov. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge: Cedar Grove, $5.00; St. Paul's, $5.00; St. James, $1.71 | 11 71 |
| Nov. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. J. P. Price's charge: Lutheran Union, $3.38; St. Martin's, $9.15 | 12 53 |
| Nov. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge:— Philadelphia, $7.65; St. John's, $2.50 | 10 15 |
| Nov. | 9. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge: St. Peter's, $6.00; Emmanuel's, $2.00; St. James, $1.50; Wingard's School-house, 50c. | 10 00 |
| Nov. | 11. | To amt. from Rev. I. Conder's charge | 3 25 |
| Nov. | 11. | To amt. from St. Martin's, Stanly | 3 00 |
| Nov. | 11. | To amt. from Rev. W. L. Darr's charge: St. Thomas, $1.65; St. Jacob's, $9.60; by W. L. Darr, $1.00 | 12 25 |
| Nov. | 12. | To amt. from Rev. W. P. Cline's charge | 13 50 |
| Nov. | 25. | To amt. from Glen Alpine, by Prof Schaid | 2 50 |
| Dec. | 16. | To amt. from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge | 7 65 |
| Dec. | 17. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge: St. James, $10.00; Salem, $5.00; Grace, $5.00 | 20 00 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Jan. | 18. | To amt. from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge: St. Paul's, $4.00; Bethel, $2.00 | 6 00 |
| Mar. | 1. | To amt. from former Treas. Theo. Fund, as per order of Synod, to be transferred to Bene. Fund —balance in his hand | 2 00 |
| Feb. | 14. | To amt. from Sharon, $10.00; and from Rev. Settlemyre's charge: St. Martin's, $10.00 | 20 00 |
| April | 30. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge, Zion, S. C. | 5 00 |
| June | 3. | To amt. from Rev. W. P. Cline | 2 55 |
| Sept. | 9. | To amt from Rev. J. C. Moser's charge: Holy Trinity, $2.00; Zion, $2.00; Newton, $1.50. | 5 50 |
| Sept. | 9. | To amt. from St. Stephen's, $4.50; St. Stephen's Sunday-school, $1.70—Rev. Crouse's charge | 6 20 |
| Sept. | 9. | To amt. from Shiloh, by Rev. J. P. Miller. | 2 00 |
| Oct. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge: Christ's, $6.00; Mt. Holly, $5.00 | 11 00 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. from Mt. Pleasant, by Mr. Jacob Wike | 2 50 |
| Oct. | 14. | To amt. from Mt. Olive, Rev. Crouse's charge | 2 60 |
| Oct. | 14. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Moser's charge: Holy Trinity, $10.00; Zion, $10.00 | 20 00 |
| Oct. | 18 and 20. | To amt. from Rev. C. H. Bernheim's ch.: St. Timothy, $3.95; St. John's, $5.05 | 9 00 |

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| Oct. | 20. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge: St. James, $10.00; Grace, $3.00; Salem, $4.00 | | 17 00 |
| Oct. | 21. | To amt. from Rev. J. D. Settlemyre's charge: Sharon, $5.00; St. Martin's, $5.00 | | 10 00 |
| Total receipts | | | | 345 98 |
| Paid out | | | | 216 08 |
| Balance in treasury Oct. 22, 1890 | | | | $129 90 |

| 1889. | | Cr. | | |
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| Nov. | 22. | By cash to A. L. Boliek | $ 25 00 | |
| Dec. | 21. | By cash to A. L. Boliek | 15 00 | |
| April | 8. | By cash to A. L. Boliek | 35 00 | |
| | | His appropriation in full | | $ 75 00 |
| Nov. | 22. | By cash to Jacob Wike | $ 15 00 | |
| 1890. | | | | |
| April | 24. | By cash to Jacob Wike | 20 00 | |
| May | 23. | By cash to Jacob Wike | 27 00 | |
| | | Did not take up all his appropriation, lacking $13. | | $ 62 00 |
| 1890. | | | | |
| Jan. | 11. | By cash to R. L. Fritz | 10 00 | |
| Feb. | 15. | By cash to R. L. Fritz | 15 00 | |
| April | 14. | By cash to R. L. Fritz | 5 00 | |
| June | 3. | By cash to R. L. Fritz | 2 55 | |
| | | | | $ 32 55 |
| Feb. | 4. | To Prof. J. S. Koiner, as theo. teacher. | $ 16 53 | |
| Sept. | 26. | By cash to S. S. Keisler | 5 00 | |
| Oct. | 21. | By cash to J. J. George | 25 00 | |
| | | | | $ 46 53 |
| Total amount paid out | | | | $216 08 |

J. M. SMITH,
Treasurer Beneficiary Fund.

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

SOCRATES HENKEL, In Account with the
Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

| 1889. | | Dr. | |
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| Nov. | 5. | To amt. due on last settlement, at date | $ 30 04 |
| Nov. | 27. | To amt. from Rev. Crouse, per Henkel & Co. | 1 38 |
| | | To error in Rev. Crouse's Orkney Springs ch., amt. | 50 |
| Jan. | 16. | To check per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Rev. Dr. J. I. Miller's charge | 12 00 |

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| Mar. | 4. | To amt. from Rev. D. A. Sox, per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Mar. | 19. | To amt. from Rev. R. H. Cline, his former charge, per Rev. J. P. Stirewalt . . . . . | 15 00 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Oct. | 20. | Subject to the Treasurer's order . . . . . | $63 92 |

S. HENKEL, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

The Treasurer read the following report:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. N. STIREWALT, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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| 1889. | 1890. | | |
| Nov. 8. | June 25. | To amt. received for Minutes . . . . . | $79 61 |
| 1889. | | | |
| Dec. | 19. | To printing and binding 1000 copies Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Tenn. Synod, 51½ pages, $1.50 per page . . . . . | 77 25 |
| Dec. | 19. | To postage and express on Minutes . . . . . | 9 60 |
| | | Total cost of Minutes . . . . . | $86 85 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Jan. | 6. | By amt. p'd Henkel & Co., printing Minutes | $53 38 |
| Mar. | 4. | By amt. p'd Henkel & Co., printing Minutes | 14 64 |
| May | 20. | By amt. p'd Henkel & Co., printing Minutes | 4 75 |
| June | 4. | By amt. p'd Henkel & Co., printing Minutes | 4 50 |
| Sept. | 29. | By amt. p'd Henkel & Co., printing Minutes | 2 34 |
| | | Total amt. paid Henkel & Co., on printing Minutes | $79 61 |
| | | Bal. due Henkel & Co., on Minutes of last year . | 7 24 |
| | | Bal. due Henkel & Co., on Minutes 1887 and 1888 . | 17 52 |
| | | Total amount due Henkel & Co . . . . . | $24 76 |

ALABAMA MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1889. | | | |
| Nov. | 8. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge—Salem church, $3; Grace, $5—total . . . . . | $ 8 00 |
| Nov. | 8. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge—Cedar Grove, $4; St. Paul's, $3; St. James, $3—total . . | 10 00 |
| Nov. | 8. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge—St. Peter's (Meetze) $5; Emmanuel, $3; St. Andrews, $2—total | 10 00 |
| Nov. | 10. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge . . . . | 10 00 |

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| Nov. | 10. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. L. Darr's charge—St. Thomas, $2 80; St. Jacob's, $7 20; one whose name not to be published, $5—total | 15 00 |
| Dec. | 16. | To amt. of Mt. Zion church, Caldwell Co., N. C., per Rev. J. S. Koiner | 2 15 |
| Dec. | 27. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge | 18 40 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Jan. | 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. L. A. Bickle's charge, per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 10 00 |
| Jan. | 30. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge | 25 |
| Feb. | 1. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. M. L. Little's charge—St. Mark's, $4 59; Luther Chapel, $4 45; St. John's, $2 63; Antioch, $1 41—total | 13 08 |
| Feb. | 1. | To amt. rec'd of D. Hallman, personal | 1 00 |
| Feb. | 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. P. Cline's charge | 5 50 |
| Feb. | 27. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge—Mt. Calvary, Page Co., Va | 3 00 |
| April | 6. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge—Morning Star, Page Co., Va | 2 00 |
| Feb. | 3. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. P. C. Wike, personal | 1 00 |
| May | 13. | To amt. rec'd of St. Stephen's, per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 3 70 |
| May | 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. A. L. Crouse, personal | 1 30 |
| May | 20. | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's (Meetze's) church, per Rev. J. A. Cromer | 1 50 |
| May | 26. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. P. Cline | 10 00 |
| June | 4. | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Zion, per Rev. Dr. S. Henkel | 2 50 |
| June | 21. | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Olive, per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 3 00 |
| July | 20. | To amt. rec'd of St. Matthew's per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 1 00 |
| July | 20. | To amt. rec'd of Sharon, per Rev. D. J. Settlemyre | 1 00 |
| Aug. | 4. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. L. Darr's charge—Bethlehem, on salary of 2d year, $2 50; St. Jacob's, $7 56; St. Thomas, $4 20—total | 14 26 |
| Sept. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge—Morning Star, $2 25; St. Mary's (Pine), $4 80; Solomon's, $5; Rader's, $11 28—total | 23 33 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd on first and second year | $170 97 |
| | | To amt. rec'd at this session of Synod to Oct. 24, 1890 | 97 47 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Holy Trinity, per Rev. J. C. Moser, $10; Zion, $10—total | $20 00 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of St. James, per Rev. R. A. Yoder, $5; Salem, $4; Grace, $3—total | 12 00 |

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| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Jno. Schneider, per Rev. Cromer. . | 1 | 00 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Otto Hegman, per Rev. J. A. Cromer | 1 | 00 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Emmanuel, per E. O. Henkel. . . . | 4 | 00 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge . . . . . | 12 | 05 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge . . . . | 16 | 42 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. P. C. Wike's charge—St. Paul's, $4; Mt. Calvary, $4 25; St. Stephen's, $1; St. Matthew's, $4—total . . . . . | 13 | 25 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Miss Mary Rhodes . . . . . | | 50 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Miss Mattie Rhodes . . . . . | | 25 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. P. Cline . . . . . | 5 | 00 |
| | | To amt. rec'd of Rev. Bikle's charge, Philadelphia ch. | 10 | 00 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. P. Miller's charge, Shiloh . | 2 | 00 |
| | | | $97 | 47 |
| 1890. | | | | |
| Oct. | 25. | To amt. rec'd of Concordia congregation, $5; Newton, $6; Glen Alpine, $2—total . . . . . | 13 | 00 |
| | | Total amt. on hand, Oct. 25, 1890 . . . . . | $110 | 47 |
| 1890. | | | | |
| Oct. | 25. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge—Sardis, $2 40; Trinity, $4 55; Daniel's, $5 60; Bethphage, $4 55—total . . . . . | 17 | 10 |
| | | Total amt. on hand, Oct. 25, 1890 . . . . . | $127 | 57 |

ALABAMA MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1889. | | | | |
| Dec. | 31. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox . . . . . | $ 52 | 68 |
| Dec. | 31. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage . | | 32 |
| 1890. | | | | |
| Feb. | 14. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox . . . . . | 44 | 61 |
| Feb. | 14. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 27 |
| May | 5. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox . . . . . | 6 | 50 |
| June | 5. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox . . . . . | 21 | 33 |
| June | 5. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 17 |
| July | 28. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox . . . . . | 7 | 40 |
| July | 28. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 10 |
| Sept. | 22. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox . . . . . | 23 | 16 |
| Sept. | 22. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 17 |
| | | Total paid out on first year's salary . . . . . | $156 | 71 |
| 1890. | | | | |
| Sept. | 12. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox, on salary of second year . . . . . | $ 14 | 14 |

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| Sept. 12. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage | | 12 |
| | Total amt. paid out on first and second years. . . | $170 | 97 |

MONEY RECEIVED FOR UNITED SYNOD MINUTES.

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| 1890. | | | |
| May 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt . . . . . | $ 1 | 80 |
| May 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. C. Moser . . . . . | 1 | 50 |
| May 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. A. L. Crouse . . . . . | | 52 |
| May 31. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. P. C. Wike . . . . . | 1 | 80 |
| June 4. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. S. Henkel, D. D. . . . . | 1 | 90 |
| Aug. 4. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. L. Darr . . . . . | 1 | 30 |
| | Total amount on hand . . . . . | $ 8 | 82 |

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

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| 1889. | | | |
| Dec. 27. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge . . . . . | $10 | 00 |
| Nov. 8. | To amt. rec'd of St. Jacob's ch., per W. L. Darr. . . | 2 | 55 |
| Nov. 8. | To amt. rec'd of St. Thomas ch., per W. L. Darr . . | | 75 |
| Nov. 8. | To amt. rec'd of Mrs. Albert Beck . . . . . | | 25 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Jan. 11. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. A. L. Crouse, personal . . . . | 1 | 00 |
| Jan. 11. | To amt. rec'd of Zion ch., Va., per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 1 | 51 |
| Jan. 30. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird, personal . . . . | 1 | 00 |
| Jan. 30. | To amt. rec'd of L. J. Efird . . . . . | 1 | 00 |
| To amt. of interest from March 1, 1890, to Jan. 1, 1891 . . . . | | | 90 |
| | Total amt. on hand January 1, 1891 . . . . . | $18 | 96 |

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1889. | | | |
| Nov. 8. | To amt. rec'd of St. John's, per Rev. C. H. Bernheim | $ 2 | 50 |
| Nov. 23. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. I. Miller's charge . . . . . | 12 | 00 |
| Dec. 27. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge . . . . . | 27 | 54 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Jan. 30. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge . . . . . | | 80 |
| Mar. 10. | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's (Meetze's) ch., per Rev. J. A. Cromer . . . . . | 6 | 00 |
| Mar. 10. | To amt. rec'd of Emmanuel ch., per Rev. J. A. Cromer | 1 | 00 |
| Mar. 10. | To amt. rec'd of St. Andrew's, per Rev. J. A. Cromer | 1 | 00 |
| May 20. | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's (Meetze's) ch., per Rev. J. A. Cromer . . . . . | 5 | 00 |
| May 17. | To amt. rec'd of St. Mary's (Pine) ch. S. S., for the ch. in Knoxville, Tenn., per Rev. J. P. Stirewalt . | | 95 |

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| May 17. | To amt. rec'd of Morning Star ch., Shenandoah Co. | | 1 00 |
| May 17. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, personal . . . | | 1 05 |
| May 17. | To amt. rec'd of Morning Star ch., Page Co., per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt . . . . . | | 1 00 |
| | Total amt. rec'd for Home Missions . . . . . | | $59 84 |

HOME MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1890. | | | |
| Feb. 8. | By amt. paid J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | $42 84 | |
| April 29. | By amt. paid J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | 7 90 | |
| April 29. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage. . | 10 | |
| June 14. | By amt. paid J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | 9 00 | |
| | Total amount paid out . . . . . | $59 84 | |

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1889. | | | |
| Nov. 23. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. I. Miller's charge . . . . . | | $ 4 00 |
| Dec. 27. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge . . . . . | | 21 75 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Jan. 30. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge . . . . . | | 65 |
| Oct. 25. | To amt. rec'd of Trinity ch., per Rev. J. A. Rudisill | | 6 80 |
| | Total amt. rec'd for Foreign Missions . . . . . | | $33 20 |

FOREIGN MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1890. | | | |
| Feb. 8. | By amt. paid J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | $32 40 | |
| | Total amt. paid out for Foreign Missions | $32 40 | |

MONEY REC'D FOR BENE. EDUCATION AND UNITED SYNOD EXPENSES.

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| 1889. | | | |
| Nov. 23. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. I. Miller's charge, for beneficiary education . . . . . | | $12 00 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Feb. 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. D. A. Sox's charge, for beneficiary education . . . . . | | 5 00 |
| 1889. | | | |
| Nov. 8. | To amt. rec'd of Cedar Grove ch., Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge, exp. of delegates to United Synod, | | $ 5 00 |
| | Total amount received . . . . . | | $22 00 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1889. | | | |
| Dec. 20. | By amt. paid Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., for beneficiary education . . . . . | $12 00 | |

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| Mar. | 4. | By amt. paid Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., for beneficiary education . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Mar. | 24. | By amt. paid Rev. J. S. Koiner, on expenses to United Synod . . . . . | 4 95 |
| Mar. | 24. | By amt. paid for postal order . . . . . | 05 |
| | | Total amount paid out . . . . . | $22 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. STIREWALT,
TREAS. E. L. TENN. SYNOD.

## THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The members of Synod assembled. The President called upon Rev. A. L. Crouse to conduct divine service. The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding session were read, received, corrected, and adopted.

Rev. J. F. Moser presented the Report on Letters and Petitions, which was received and considered by items.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions addressed to this Synod, beg to submit the following :

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson, asking to be excused, assigning as his reason for absence, "weight of years." We recommend that he be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, assigning as his reason for absence feeble health. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. G. Schaid, asking that he be excused. He assigns as his reasons distance, expense, uncertain health, inadvisability of being absent from the school. We recommend that his request be granted.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. P. Miller, asking to be excused ; and assigns as reasons for absence school work and indisposition of his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 is a petition from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the neighborhood of Hupp, Rockingham Co., Va., signed by 25 members, praying that they may be received into connection with this Synod. We recommend that this request be granted.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, asking to be excused.—We recommend that his letter be read, and that Synod consider his excuse.

No. 7 is a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, assigning as his reasons for absence distance, want of means, delicate state of the health of his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., asking that he be excused, assigning as his reason the extremely critical condition of his wife's health. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 9 is a petition from Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Morgan's Mills, Stanley Co., N. C., signed by its officers, applying for admission into the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod. We recommend its reception.

No. 10 is a petition from St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., praying that Synod hold its next meeting with that congregation.—We recommend that their request be granted.

No. 11 is a petition from a new congregation in Anniston, Ala., organized by our Synod's Missionary, Rev. D. A. Sox, asking for admission into the Tennessee Synod. We recommend that it be received, and that the pastor, Rev. D. A. Sox, furnish to the Secretary of Synod the *name* of the congregation for enrollment.

No. 12 is a petition from Mt. Moriah, St. Mark's, and Phanuel Evangelical Lutheran Churches, properly signed by the officers of said churches, praying that candidate A. L. Boliek be examined, and, if found qualified, ordained to the sacred office of the ministry, that he may fully minister to their spiritual wants. We recommend that their request be granted.

No. 13 is a letter from the Examining Committee in North Carolina, stating that they have had an interview with Messrs. E. L. and J. C. Wessinger, and recommend that they be received as applicants for the ministry. We recommend that the committee's recommendation be sustained.

No. 14 is a petition, signed by the officers of Mt. Pleasant Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watauga Co., N. C., praying that Synod appoint a committee to examine, and, if found qualified, ordain applicant Jacob Wike to the office of the ministry; said examination and ordination to take place in said church, or if not there, then at the meeting of the North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod. In consideration of the Standing Resolutions 17th and 18th, we cannot make any recommendation.

No. 15 is a verbal petition, based upon a written one which by some means failed to reach Synod, from Mt. Horeb Evangelical

Lutheran congregation, Chapin, Lexington Co., S. C., asking to be received into this Synod. We recommend its reception.

No. 16 is a communication from Bethlehem congregation, Augusta Co., Va., notifying us of its withdrawal from the Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod. We recommend that the Secretary strike the name of said congregation from our congregational roll.

No. 17 is a letter from Rev. D. Efird, assigning as cause of absence from Synod, the feeble state of his health. We recommend that he be excused. Respectfuliy submitted,

J. F. MOSER,
WM. L. DARR,
C. J. DEAL.

Item 1 was sustained.

Item 2 was sustained.

Item 3 was sustained.

Item 4 was sustained.

Item 5. With reference to this item, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved,* That the petitioners be requested to perfect their organization and present it to the next meeting of our Synod.

Item 6 was sustained. Rev. J. M. Smith was not excused.

Item 7 was sustained.

Item 8 was sustained.

Item 9 was sustained, and Mt. Zion's E. L. congregation, Morgan Mills, Stanley Co., N. C., was ordered to be put upon the congregational roll.

Item 10 was sustained.

Item 11 was sustained, and Emmanuel E. L. congregation, Anniston, Alabama, was ordered to be put upon the congregational roll.

Item 12 was sustained.

Item 13 was sustained.

Item 14. With reference to this item, it was moved that the petitioners be advised to present their petition at the next convention of our Synod.

Item 15 was sustained, and Mt. Horeb E. L. congre-

gation, Lexington Co., S. C., was ordered to be entered upon the roll of congregations.

Item 16 was sustained.

Item 17 was sustained.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt read the following report on President's Report:

### COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the report of the President, submit the following on his recommendations:

First is the recommendation to appoint a committee to adopt suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. H. Wetzel. We suggest that said recommendation be sustained, and that the committee submit their report to this convention of Synod.

Secondly, respecting the letter from the President of the N. C. Synod, conveying the fraternal greetings of that body to this, we suggest that the recommendation be sustained.

Thirdly, we suggest the adoption of the following recommendation of the President: "That we decline to pay the amount asked for for the support of the United Synod's Theological Seminary until that body shall have removed the barriers to our co-operation in such work, and we more clearly recognize the advisability of sustaining that institution."

Fourthly, we suggest that the recommendation to discontinue the Committee on Missions be sustained, and that its work be done by the Board of Missions.

Fifthly, we suggest that the recommendation, providing for a practical course in literature and theology, be not sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
P. C. WIKE,
A. L. BOLIEK.

Item 1 was sustained, and the President appointed Rev. J. S. Koiner, Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., and Rev. M. L. Little, to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. H. Wetzel.

Item 2. Recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Item 3. With reference to this item, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the President of this body is hereby instructed, in reply to the committee of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod, to refer the said Secretary to the position of this Synod in regard to co-operative union as set forth at Dallas, N. C., 1886, and to the action of this Synod in South Carolina, 1888, and recorded in our Minutes.

Item 4 was sustained.

Item 5 was sustained.

The report as amended, was adopted as a whole.

Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder read the following report:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

We, your Committee on Examination, beg leave to report that we examined the young brethren, Messrs. J. T. Miller and A. L. Boliek, and in accordance with the growing demand of our times for a more thorough preparation in theology, and a higher standard of attainments, we recommend that these young brethren, having declined ordination, be advised to prosecute their theological studies for at least another year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
A. L. CROUSE,
I. CONDER,
J. N. STIREWALT,
J. K. EFIRD,
E. L. LYBRAND.

This report was adopted, and the recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Synod adjourned to meet at 1 P. M. Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. F. Moser.

## FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. The Secretary called the roll. Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck read the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, as follows:

## REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, desire to submit the following:

1. On page 16, we find the appointment of a special committee on Church discipline, with Rev. A. L. Crouse as chairman. Has that committee done its work?

2. On page 22, we find a course for private students of theology laid down, and that the same was laid over for consideration of this convention of Synod. Is the Synod ready to act upon this item?

3. On page 24, we find a resolution that each pastor in connection with this Synod be requested to ask each of his congregations for money to pay the remaining expenses of delegates to United Synod, Savannah. What has been done?

4. On page 33, we find a committee of three, with Rev. J. P. Stirewalt as chairman, to confer with Henkel & Co., publishers of *Our Church Paper*, to ascertain the least number of bona fide additional subscribers for *Our Church Paper* required to reduce the price to $1 per annum. Has this work been attended to?

5. On page 37, we find a resolution concerning J. J. George, one of our beneficiaries, in reference to an appropriation for his use. Has this matter been attended to by the Examining Committee of the N. C. Conference?

6. On same page, we find Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder was directed to give instructions in theology to our students in Concordia College, and that he be paid for the same out of the beneficiary fund. Has this been done?

7. On page 38, we find that an appropriation of fifty dollars is to be made to beneficiary S. S. Keisler, provided he meet with the approbation of the Examining Committee in North Carolina. Has this work been attended to?

8. On same page, we find a report of Committee on Formula of Distribution in the Lord's Supper. What has been done in reference to this matter?

9. On pages 39 and 40, we find a number of resolutions adopted by the N. C. Conference, and laid before this body for consideration at this convention. We recommend Synod to proceed to the consideration of said resolutions.

10. On page 41, we find a resolution instructing the Secretary of Synod to have 1,000 copies of Minutes printed; that the usual number be supplied to ministers, students of theology, and sister synods. Has this been done?

11. On same page, we find a resolution, requiring each minister of Synod to do all in his power to sell these Minutes among his people.

12. On same page, we find a resolution, that each minister pledges himself to raise money in his charge during the coming year for synodical purposes, with a view to a change of the plan of distributing our Minutes. What has been done in regard to this matter?

13. On the same page, we find that a board of visitors was appointed to Concordia College, consisting of Revs. D. J. Settlemyre and Prof. R. H. Cline. Have these brethren performed this duty?

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,
E. L. LYBRAND,
D. C. BOLAND.

It was received and considered by items.

Item 1. The committee on church discipline was continued, with instructions to be ready to report at the next convention of our Synod.

Item 2. In reference to this item, the President appointed the following committee to take under further consideration the theological course as laid down in our Minutes, and to report at the next convention of our Synod: Committee—Rev. J. S. Koiner and Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder.

Item 3. Complied with partially.

Item 4. Complied with, as the following report shows.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REDUCTION OF PRICE OF OUR CHURCH PAPER.

We, your committee, have complied with the request of Synod. The result of our conference has been published in *Our Church Paper*, and we have secured a reduction in the subscription to said paper. The advertisements, to a considerable extent, have been changed; the reading matter has been increased, although the requisite number of subscribers has not been procured by us. It therefore behooves us to redouble our efforts to enlarge the circulation by getting more new subscribers, and urging the present ones promptly to renew their subscriptions. The increased amount of reading matter and the great reduction in the price of subscription are strong inducements for its circulation in every Lutheran family. The probabilities are that the form of the paper may be changed in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. A. RUDISILL,
I. CONDER.

Item 5. Complied with.

Item 6. Complied with.

Item 7. Ordered by Synod to be stricken out.

Item 8, with reference to the Formula of Distribution in the Lord's Supper, was complied with, but amended as follows: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

Item 9. With reference to this item provision has been made by the appointment of a special committee.

Item 10. Stricken out.

Item 11. Stricken out.

Item 12. Partially complied with.

Item 13. With reference to this item no report has been submitted.

The President appointed the following committees:

1. A committee, consisting of Rev. J. S. Koiner and Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., to report on the necessity of a Board of Church Extension.

2. A committee, consisting of Rev. J. S. Koiner, Rev. J. F. Moser, and Elon O. Henkel, to make arrangements for and to nominate a Theological Professor in Concordia College.

The following resolution, in reference to mission work at Winston, N. C., was offered and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the special attention of the Board of Missions of our Synod be and is hereby directed to the outlook of mission work at Winston, N. C.

Time and place fixed for the next annual meeting of this Synod: Place—St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lexington Co., S. C. Time—Friday before the second Sunday in October, 10 A. M., 1891.

The President, by motion, appointed Rev. J. C. Moser, Rev. R. A. Yoder, and Elon O. Henkel, as a committee to propose a plan for the distribution of Minutes.

The following Report of President of Board of Trus-

tees of Concordia College, Conover, N. C., was read and adopted.

### REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE, CONOVER, N. C.

The school of this Synod and our church is in a prosperous condition. The Faculty are faithfully discharging their duty ; the students are orderly ; our beneficiaries are making fair progress. Our Professors have much labor to perform in meeting their work in the church and school.

J. M. SMITH,
PRESIDENT BOARD TRUSTEES.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning. Prayer and benediction by Rev. Prof. M. L. Little.

## FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

Synod having assembled, divine services were conducted by Rev. J. K. Efird.

Secretary called the roll, and read the minutes of the previous session, which were corrected and adopted.

Chairman on Report of the Delegation of the E. L. Tennessee Synod to the Third Convention of the United Synod of the South, read the following report, which was received and adopted :

### REPORT OF THE DELEGATION OF EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD TO THE THIRD CONVENTION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

MR. PRESIDENT—We, the delegation of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod to the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South, submit the following report :

(1) That we attended the convention of the said Synod which convened in the city of Wilmington, N. C., on Thursday, 24th of November, 1889, and performed the duty imposed upon us.

(2) That no action was taken in the convention of that Synod that will in any manner change the relation which our Synod has hitherto held towards that body.

(3) The Synod failed to adopt the proposed by-laws and regulations, but postponed their consideration until next meeting of that body.

(4) The Synod adjourned without naming place and time for its next convention.

Respectfully submitted, A. L. CROUSE,
CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION,
J. K. EFIRD,
W. P. CLINE,
J. S. KOINER,
J. A. RUDISILL,
J. F. MOSER,
M. L. LITTLE.

Rev. J. A. Rudisill read the following report, which was received and adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURERS' REPORTS.

We, your Committee on Treasurers' Reports, beg leave to submit the following:

1. We have examined all receipts and disbursements of the Beneficiary Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and find their reports correct.

2. After looking up all papers of the Synodical Treasurer's Report, we find the same correct.

We recommend that the part with reference to the United Synod of the South be stricken out, as it is inconsistent with resolutions of our Synod. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. RUDISILL,
J. T. MILLER,
H. G. SWARTZ.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, Chairman of Committee on Church Institutions, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

We find ourselves in possession of a report from the President of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and one from the President of the Faculty. We recommend that these reports be read and published in our Minutes.

We rejoice in the measure of the success of our college hitherto attained, but deplore the existence of our hinderances.

We recommend the continuance of the committee, appointed last

year, to raise funds for the erection of a new building, and the hearty co-operation of all our pastors and congregations.

We also recommend that all our people into whose hands our Minutes may come do all they can to increase the attendance of students, and thus support and further the interests of our college, and elevate the standard of education among our people.

Respectfully submitted, A. L. CROUSE,
I. CONDER.

The Report of Committee on the State of the Church was read, received, and adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on State of the Church beg leave to submit the following report :

SOUTH CAROLINA.—We are glad to report the churches in this State in a healthy and prosperous condition. There are no vacant pastorates in this part of our territory. The Gospel is preached regularly and faithfully, the young members of the church are diligently instructed in the Word of God and the catechisms of the church, both in the Sunday-school and in the pastor's catechetical class, new points of operation have been opened up, and mission work is receiving a fair share of attention. Harmony on the part of the brethren, charged with feeding the church of God and taking the oversight thereof, prevails, and a hearty co-operation in the local and general work of the church.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The past year has been one of prosperity to our church in the old North State. Our congregations are all supplied with pastors or with preaching. There seems to be an increasing interest in church work manifest in missionary activity, both on the part of pastors and people operating through individual effort or through conference and Synod.

Some of the pastorates, however, are too large, preaching too infrequent, catechetical work and pastoral visiting neglected, and too many pastors engaged in school and college work, much to the hurt of the congregations under their pastoral care. A more liberal support of the ministry would prove a valuable remedy for these ills.

The North Carolina Conference is doing a good work at Monroe and Statesville, mission congregations under her care and support.—Encouraged by these results, this conference, at its last meeting, decided to place a missionary at Morganton at an early day, to look after our interest in that part of the State. Some mission points are also under care of certain pastors within whose territory they properly fall. Upon the whole, there is much to encourage us in our work in North Carolina.

VIRGINIA.—Our churches in this State are in a flourishing condition. All the congregations are supplied with earnest and faithful pastors. Mission work is receiving due attention, and is carried on by the Virginia Conference, which supports largely a missionary, and directs attention to promising outposts where congregations may be established. Here, as elsewhere in our Synod, some of the pastorates are too large to be worked with the best results. There are Sunday-schools in most of the congregations, and catechetical instruction receives due attention. Benevolent contributions are on the increase, and church love is deepening. A splendid new church building is in course of erection in New Market which will be one of the best in the State and the very best, perhaps, in the whole Synod.

ALABAMA.—As to our Alabama work, your committee would respectfully refer this Synod to the report of our Missionary in that field of labor. Nothing has been received by the committee from Brother Sox, but from what we have been able to gather from other sources, we have reason to be much encouraged with the progress of our church in that State. It is to be hoped that this Synod, at its present meeting, will arrange to place one or more laborers in that promising field, and that our people will liberally contribute to the support of this most important work.

CONCLUSION.—While your committee is gratified to make such an encouraging report concerning the State of the Church, within the bounds of our Synod, we would not close this paper without reminding the pastors and the congregations constituting this body, that much remains to be done and to be perfected by us, that in many things we come far short in the measure of Christian obligation and duty. Especially in the matter of ministerial support and general benevolence, we need to be more thoroughly aroused to a full sense of our duty. We give pennies when we ought to give dollars, and we give dollars when we ought to give hundreds, and even thousands, to the Lord's work. In Christian zeal, in self-denial, in fervent love for the brethren, and an earnest desire and effort to save the perishing multitudes around us, in the Christian nurture of the children of the church, in Christian benevolence, and in watchings and prayer, let us be more earnestly faithful, that we may be blameless in the day of the Lord Jesus.

M. L. LITTLE,
P. C. WIKE,
J. K. EFIRD.

Synod adjourned to meet at 1 P. M. Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D.

## SIXTH SESSION.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod having assembled, the Secretary called the roll. By motion, the President ordered the Parochial Reports to be read before Synod.

The chairman read the following report, which was received and adopted as a whole:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

#### 1. SYNOD'S MISSION IN ALABAMA.

Our missionary work in Alabama seems to be meeting with encouraging success. Rev. D. A. Sox, our missionary there, has organized, during the last year in the city of Anniston, Ala., a congregation which now numbers sixteen members. This congregation, at a cost of $600, has secured a lot now valued at more than $1200. One-half the cost of this lot has been collected from the citizens of the town. The remainder is to be paid in three annual installments of $100 each. Our missionary makes an earnest appeal to this Synod to aid him in meeting these payments and in building a church.

A second man, brother Jas. T. Miller, has been called to the work in Alabama. He is to serve St. Michael's congregation as pastor and parochial teacher. They promise to sustain him without the aid of Synod.

Zion Church, Jacksonville, has received a donation of a couple acres of land for a church and parsonage from Gen. Wm. H. Forney, M. C.

Brother Sox has purchased the Edwardsville High School, and proposes to devote at least a portion of his time to teaching. He will yet do what he can in the work of the church, but does not wish to serve longer as Synod's missionary. A third man should therefore be sent into this field as soon as possible; and as there are many Germans in some of these towns, he should be a man who can preach in both German and English.

We have reason, brethren, to be much encouraged with our work in Alabama, and should labor and pray for its continued prosperity.

#### 2. CONFERENCE MISSION WORK.

In South Carolina, while something is being accomplished for the extension of our church by the labors of individual pastors, no mission is under the care of Conference.

In North Carolina, attention has been directed chiefly to two

points, Monroe, Union County, and Statesville, Iredell County. The progress of the work at Monroe, for the past year, has been very satisfactory. A church has been erected, an excellent brick building 35 x 61, with a basement. The basement has been completed, and the congregation now uses it for worship. The zeal and devotion of our people, and the energy of our missionary, are worthy of much commendation.

At Statesville, a good brick church has been built, and so far completed that the congregation can now use it for worship. Our Conference has agreed to pay $150 per year, for six years, to aid this congregation in defraying the expense of building. With this help they will be able to repay the money borrowed. The pastor writes me: "Many tell me we have the best church in town, and I know that we have the best congregation." Brother Settlemyre and our people there deserve much credit for the work they have done.

We have other points in view, and as soon as possible will extend the field of our operations.

In Virginia, the progress of our home mission, during the past year, has been gratifying. An important mission station near Fairfield, in Rockbridge Co., has been receiving attention. A lot has been donated and steps are being taken to build a church thereon in the near future.

An organization, composed of thirty-five confirmed members at Hupp, in Rockingham County, will soon be completed. They have a lot partly donated, on which the erection of a house of worship will be commenced at once.

Some missionary work has also been done in Broadway, Rockingham County. The Land Improvement Company of this place has promised to give us a lot for a church, with the privilege of selecting the site.

The regular mission of Conference in Eastern Virginia, is in a prosperous condition. Rev. J. S. Koiner has been called, and is energetically prosecuting the work. The Conference agrees to pay Bro. Koiner $300 per year, in addition to the amounts raised in the field.

The entire mission work of the Virginia Conference is in a flourishing condition. Yet there are many other places of interest and importance where a great deal might be done if we had more ministers and more money.

Looking over the whole field we find that the interest in our home mission work is vastly increasing. God has blessed our efforts, and crowned them with success. We thank God, and take courage.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. MOSER,
D. I. OFFMAN,
JOHN W. MYERS.

The following resolution was offered:

*Resolved*, That the recommendation of the committee be not sustained, and that the resolutions of our North Carolina Conference be commended to our congregations for practical use, whenever found practicable and desirable.

The committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. H. Wetzel, reported as follows:

## IN MEMORIAM.

### Respect to the Memory of the Reverend Henry Wetzel.

WHEREAS, In the ordering of divine providence, our dear brother Henry Wetzel has been taken from us and gathered to the fathers, be it

*Resolved* 1. That by the removal of this brother the church on earth has lost a faithful minister and an able teacher and defender of the doctrines of God's grace; our country, a true citizen; and his bereaved family, an exemplary Christian father.

2. That we receive in reverent submission this dispensation of our Heavenly Father, cherish with gratitude the memory of the self-denying services of our fellow-worker in the Gospel, and are reminded that our period of labor on earth is short.

3. That we tender our sincere sympathy to the family of the deceased, and commend them to the care of Him who is Father to the fatherless.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the children of the deceased, and that a page in our Minutes be inscribed to his memory.

J. S. KOINER,
J. I. MILLER,
M. L. LITTLE.

This report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Distribution of Minutes read the following report which was received and adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

We, your Committee to Formulate a Plan for the Distribution of the Minutes, would respectfully report:

1. That, for this convention, a list be made by the Secretary of the number of copies of Minutes wanted by the ministers present, and that a number equal to that of last year be furnished to those ministers absent, and that the charge for the same be 10 cts. per copy.

2. That a committee be appointed by the President, at this session, charged with the formulation of a permanent plan for the distribution of the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,
R. A. YODER,
ELON O. HENKEL.

The Committee to Examine Applicants for Beneficiary Aid in Concordia College reported as follows:

### REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee in North Carolina, beg leave to submit the following:

To Mr. J. J. George, a beneficiary, we allowed $25.00 beneficiary aid—to this session of Synod.

We held an interview with Messrs. Elmore and Jacob Wessinger, as to their being received by Synod as applicants for the ministry. We recommend that their names be enrolled as applicants.

J. M. SMITH,
J. C. MOSER.

This report was received and adopted.

Synod received the following report and adopted it:

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:

Dear Brethren: As President of your institution, I beg leave to report that the condition of Concordia College is, upon the whole, very favorable. The enrollment of students for the present term is 90, which is somewhat lower than the corresponding term for last year. The deficiency in numbers is confined to the Primary department, the High School and College departments being fuller than usual. The whole number of students for the last scholastic year was 139.

Our needs are: Better buildings, endowment fund, sympathy, support, and co-operation of all our pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,

PRES. CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Synod authorize the incoming Mission Board to call and send an efficient pastor as a third missionary to our Alabama Mission work, and that this Synod pledges to pay said missionary the salary promised by the Mission Board.

The Committee on Theological Professorship in Concordia College submitted the following:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORSHIP IN CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

We, the Committee on the Theological Professorship in Concordia College, would respectfully submit the following:

1. That we nominate Rev. A. L. Crouse to the position of Theological Professor.

2. That said Professor arrange with the Board of Trustees of Concordia College and undertake the endowment of the said Professorship, and prosecute the same as vigorously as possible.

3. That the compensations for said work shall be left to officers of Synod.

J. F. MOSER,

ELON O. HENKEL,

J. S. KOINER.

By motion, Synod made the following appropriations to the several beneficiary students in Concordia College: S. S. Keisler, $75; J. J. George, $75; S. S. Keisler, $45—balance due him from year 1889.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

### VOTE OF THANKS.

*Resolved*, That this Synod hereby extends to the members and friends of this congregation its sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they have received and entertained it whilst in their midst.

The President appointed Wm. Yoder to fill the vacancy on the finance committee of Concordia College, caused by the death of Hon. A. M. Huitt.

The President appointed Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Rev. S.

Henkel, D. D., and Rev. R. H. Cline as a committee to prepare a suitable plan for distribution of Minutes.

Synod recommended P. E. Fry, of Catawba Co., N. C., as a suitable one to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees in Concordia College, caused by the death of Hon. A. M. Huitt.

The following resolution was adopted by Synod:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be returned to Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., for his patient, careful, and successful labor in preparing the history of this Synod.

The President appointed Rev. J. F. Moser and J. P. Price as a committee to visit Concordia College and to report the condition of said College at the next convention of our Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place selected, and was closed by divine services led by the President.

ROBERT H. CLINE,
SECRETARY.

## RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Opening Sermon, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Friday, 11 A. M.; Phil. 3, 16.

Saturday, 11 A. M., Rev. J. F. Moser, Luke 7, 41, 42.

Saturday, 7 P. M., Rev. J. A. Cromer, 1 Cor. 10, 1–5, (Grace E. L. Church).

Saturday, 7 P. M., Rev. J. A. Rudisill, 1 Cor. 2, 2, (Morning Star E. L. Church).

Sunday, 11 A. M., Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Matt. 22, 42, Confession, Absolution, and Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 11 A. M., Rev. Prof. M. L. Little, St. Mark's E. L. Church, Luray, Va.

Sunday, 7 P. M., Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Malachi 3, 8, Grace E. L. Church.

Sunday, 7 P. M., Rev. R. H. Cline, Jere. 9, 23, 24, Morning Star E. L. Church.

Sunday, 7 P. M., Rev. J. K. Efird, Deut. 24, 9.

Monday, 11 P. M., Rev. J. C. Moser, Rom. 1, 14, 15, 16.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael, Emmanuel.
CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas, Mt. Horeb.
RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew, Mt. Tabor.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.
ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh.
BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.
CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Lutz.
CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Lutheran Union.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy, Mt. Olive.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin, Zion.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel, St. Luke.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. William (Fairview), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

Total number, 107.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved 1.* That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to take up in each of his congregations collections for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod: and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

*Resolved 2.* That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some ; be it, therefore,

*Resolved 3.* That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted ; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved 4.* That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 5.* That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the Synodical year, to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 6.* That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved 7.* That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved 8.* That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved 9.* That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved 10.* That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our Ministers to ask their Congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved 11.* That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved 12.* That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved 13.* That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved 14.* That the chairmen of the Executive Committee of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the Missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved 15.* That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

*Resolved 16.* That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved 17.* That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and, if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved 18.* That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved 19.* That, with a view of establishing proper relations between Concordia College, situated at Conover, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, we, in meeting assembled, agree, 1. that whenever a vacancy, or vacancies, occur, either by death, resignation, or removal, in the Board of Trustees or in the Faculty, the said Synod shall have the right as well as the privilege to recommend a suitable person, or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies ; 2. that the Synod shall have the right to appoint a Board of Visitors, whose duty it shall be annually to visit said school, and make such report of the condition of the school to each session of the Synod, as be deemed

most advantageous ; 3. that it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to make a report annually to Synod, relative to moral and literary condition of the school, which report shall also be signed by the secretary of the faculty ; 4. that the President of the Board of Trustees shall also make an annual report to Synod, in regard to the financial condition of the school, which report shall likewise be signed by the secretary of the Board of Trustees ; 5. that this school shall be continued and conducted as a church institution, under such rules and regulations, as may be instituted by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the charter, and the Confessions of the Church as set forth in the Christian Book of Concord, each teacher, instructor, or professor, taking an obligation not to teach anything in said school that is contrary to said Confessions.

These stipulations or propositions shall be valid and in force, provided the said Synod shall acquiesce, and is disposed to lend said institution its fostering care and encouragement, as well as its influence and moral force ; provided, that if the Synod shall fail, after notice, to recommend, in due time, a suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the proper authorities of said institution shall proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

*Resolved 20.* That we, as a Synod, accept the propositions made to us by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and that in consideration of the rights and privileges therein granted, we will lend to said institution our fostering care, influence, and moral support.—*See Minutes of 1883, page 18.*

*Resolved 21.* That our beneficiaries and students of theology shall neither preach nor absent themselves from their recitations without special permission of the faculty of Concordia College, and that we advise that they preach not more than once a month.

*Resolved 22.* That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 23.* That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

# PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| PASTORS. | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Received by Letter. | Transfers. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday-Schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Beneficiary Education. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Synodical Fund. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. |
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| T. Moser | 1844 | . | . . . | . . . | . | 5 | . . . | . | . | . . . | . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . . |
| D. Efird | 1847 | 1 | 45 | . . . | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . . . | . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . . |
| S. Henkel, D. D. | 1850 | 2 | 266 | 458 | 1 | 17 | 8 | . | 3 | 11 | . | 1 | 9 | 70 | 10 00 | $ 7 00 | . . . | 3 40 | . . . . | $ 6000 00 |
| C. H. Bernheim | 1855 | 3 | 305 | 507 | . | 25 | 16 | 4 | 2 | . . . | . | 2 | 19 | 181 | 14 85 | 14 85 | . . . | 2 00 | 300 00 | 186 37 |
| J. M. Smith | 1856 | 3 | 625 | . . . | 2 | 76 | 8 | . | . | 9 | . | 2 | . . . | . . . | 8 00 | 21 75 | . . . | 3 30 | 325 00 | . . . . |
| J. I. Miller, D. D | 1858 | 1 | 90 | 150 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 80 | 8 00 | 5 00 | $ 5 00 | 1 55 | 400 00 | . . . . . |
| L. A. Bikle, D. D. | 1859 | 2 | 190 | . . . | . | 10 | 10 | . | . | 2 | . | 2 | 14 | 143 | . . . | 148 00 | . . . | . . . | . . . . | 250 00 |
| I. Conder | 1861 | 4 | 145 | 155 | 1 | 3 | 4 | . | . | 3 | . | 2 | 7 | 90 | 6 67 | 20 00 | . . . | 1 00 | 130 00 | . . . . . |
| J. N. Stirewalt | 1871 | 5 | 547 | 849 | 1 | 11 | 6 | . | . | 7 | . | 3 | 29 | 199 | 5 00 | 1 00 | . . . | . . . | . . . . | 25 00 |
| A. L. Crouse | 1871 | 2 | 310 | 600 | 2 | 133 | 56 | 1 | 3 | 7 | . | 2 | 14 | 140 | 7 80 | 22 00 | . . . | 8 00 | 350 00 | 25 00 |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 1871 | 5 | 575 | 900 | 9 | 35 | 33 | . | 1 | 15 | . | 3 | 19 | 175 | 29 58 | 16 42 | . . . | 8 75 | 500 00 | . . . . |
| J. C. Moser | 1873 | 2 | 350 | 590 | 2 | 28 | 31 | 31 | 2 | 7 | . | 3 | 32 | 300 | 20 00 | 99 25 | . . . | 7 00 | 650 00 | 150 00 |
| M. L. Little | 1873 | 4 | 400 | . . . | 3 | 46 | 20 | . | . | 5 | . | 4 | . . . | . . . | . . . . | 106 50 | . . . | 19 59 | 400 00 | . . . . . |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 1877 | 5 | 448 | . . . | 1 | 19 | 5 | . | 4 | 11 | . | 2 | . . | 225 | 3 13 | . . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . . |
| J. K. Efird | 1877 | 2 | 500 | 1000 | . | 41 | 36 | 2 | 2 | 16 | . | 4 | 25 | 350 | . . . . | 12 05 | . . . | 9 25 | 500 00 | 500 00 |
| J. A. Cromer | 1877 | 4 | 419 | 756 | . | 35 | 52 | 7 | 2 | 5 | . | 5 | 30 | 290 | 15 00 | 25 00 | . . . | 4 00 | 275 00 | 100 00 |
| E. L. Lybrand | 1877 | 4 | 450 | 730 | . | 45 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 4 | . | 3 | 28 | 215 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . | 4 00 | 350 00 | 75 00 |
| R. A. Yoder | 1879 | 3 | 450 | 700 | . | 16 | 27 | . | 4 | 10 | . | 1 | 6 | 75 | 17 00 | 32 00 | . . . | 7 00 | 450 00 | 800 00 |
| J. S. Koiner | 1881 | 2 | 60 | 100 | 1 | 6 | . . | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | 5 | 25 | . . . . | 145 00 | . . . | 1 90 | 400 00 | 15 00 |
| W. P. Cline | 1881 | 5 | 396 | 713 | 2 | 37 | 10 | . | . | 4 | . | 2 | 7 | 110 | 10 00 | 35 00 | . . . | 4 00 | 350 00 | . . . . |
| D. A. Goodman | 1882 | . | . . . | . . . | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . . . | . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . . |
| D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 | 3 | 275 | 400 | . | 26 | 6 | 2 | . | 6 | . | . | . . . | . . . | 10 00 | 17 50 | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . . |
| D. A. Sox | 1883 | 3 | 77 | 145 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 1 | . | 4 | . | 1 | 5 | 65 | 2 00 | . . . . | . . . | . . . | 125 00 | 15 00 |
| J. A. Rudisill | 1883 | 4 | 775 | 1275 | 3 | 53 | 31 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 200 | 25 25 | 51 34 | 6 80 | . . . | 400 00 | 600 00 |
| J. F. Moser | 1883 | 4 | 101 | 250 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | . | 2 | 8 | 60 | 5 00 | 17 00 | . . . | 4 40 | 500 00 | 2500 00 |
| R. H. Cline | 1885 | 5 | 221 | 450 | . | 12 | 4 | . | . | 3 | . | . | . . . | . . . | 10 00 | 10 00 | . . . | 6 67 | 335 00 | 12 00 |
| P. C. Wike | 1886 | 4 | 312 | 550 | 1 | 18 | 17 | . | . | 7 | . | 3 | 16 | 170 | 23 46 | 28 00 | . . . | 5 50 | 465 00 | . . . . |
| J. P. Price | 1888 | 3 | 147 | 345 | 1 | 19 | 13 | 3 | . | 2 | 1 | . | . . . | . . . | 16 00 | 12 70 | . . . | 3 25 | 310 00 | . . . . |
| W. L. Darr | 1889 | 4 | 370 | 625 | . | 24 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | . | 3 | 20 | 190 | 13 25 | 14 25 | . . . | 4 05 | 350 00 | 25 00 |
| D. I. Offman | 1889 | 3 | 128 | 200 | . | 6 | . . | . | . | 2 | . | 3 | 11 | 75 | 50 | . . . . | . . . | . . . | 200 00 | . . . . |
| J. P. Miller | 1889 | 1 | 50 | . . . | . | 17 | 1 | . | . | . . | . | . | . . | . . . | 2 00 | 5 00 | . . . | 50 | . . . . | . . . . |
| J. G. Schaid | 1875 | 3 | 225 | . . . | . | 18 | 22 | 3 | 8 | . . | . | 2 | 12 | 125 | 15 00 | 13 00 | . . . | 2 00 | 300 00 | 35 00 |
| Supplied* | . . | 3 | 200 | 500 | 3 | . . | 4 | 1 | . | . . | . | 2 | . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . | 2 00 | 300 00 | . . . . |
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# MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

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# TENNESSEE SYNOD,

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*ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.*

REV. I. CONDER, REV. W. P. CLINE, REV. W. L. DARR.

*ON EXAMINATION.*

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D., REV. J. M. SMITH, REV. A. L. CROUSE, REV. J. K. EFIRD, REV. E. L. LYBRAND, REV. R. H. CLINE.

## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Holy Trinity Church, Hickory, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Friday, 10 A. M., before the first Sunday in October, 1892, as the time.

# MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

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## FIRST SESSION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,
LEWIEDALE, LEXINGTON CO., S. C.,
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1891.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in her seventy-first annual convention with St. Paul's congregation, near Lewiedale, Lexington Co., S. C., at 10 A. M., October 9, 1891.

The President, Rev. W. P. Cline, preached the opening sermon from Gen. 22, 36. The clerical roll was called, and the names of the pastors present were enrolled. The congregational roll was called and corrected. The names of the lay-delegates, after presenting their certificates of election, were enrolled.

### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

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| Rev. J. R. Peterson* | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser* | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D | New Market, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim | Conover, N. C. |
| " J. M. Smith | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D | Concord, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D | Luray, Va. |
| " I. Conder* | McGaheysville, Va. |
| " J. N. Stirewalt | Stony Man, Va. |
| " A. L. Crouse | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. P. Stirewalt | New Market, Va. |
| " J. C. Moser | Hickory, N. C. |

* Absent and excused.

Rev. J. K. Efird . . . . . Rightwell, S. C.
" J. A. Cromer . . . . . Columbia, S. C.
" E. L. Lybrand . . . . . Summit Point, S. C.
" Prof. R. A. Yoder . . . . . Hickory, N. C.
" J. S. Koiner* . . . . . Charlottesville, Va.
" D. A. Sox . . . . . Edwardsville, Ala.
" D. A. Goodman* . . . . . Connelly's Springs, N. C.
" J. W. Hausenfluck* . . . . . Alma, Va.
" Prof. W. P. Cline . . . . . Ilex, N. C.
" D. J. Settlemyre . . . . . New Sterling, N. C.
" J. A. Rudisill . . . . . Henry, N. C.
" R. H. Cline . . . . . New Market, Va.
" P. C. Wike . . . . . Maurertown, Va.
" D. C. Huffman† . . . . . Hickory, N. C.
" J. G. Schaid . . . . . Conover, N. C.
" J. P. Price . . . . . Concord, N. C.
" J. F. Moser* . . . . . Monroe, N. C.
" W. L. Darr . . . . . Chapin, S. C.
" D. I. Offman . . . . . Julian, N. C.
" J. P. Miller . . . . . Conover, N. C.
" Jacob Wike . . . . . Norris, N. C.
" L. L. Lohr . . . . . Dallas, N. C.
" J. L. Deaton . . . . . China Grove, N. C.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Francis K. Roof . . . . . Columbia, S. C.
H. Julian Mathias . . . . . Lexington, S. C.
Cephas K. Lippard . . . . . Statesville, N. C.
J. Allen Arnt . . . . . Arnt, N. C.
J. L. Cromer . . . . . Columbia, S. C.

## BENEFICIARIES.

J. J. George . . . . . Conover, N. C.
S. S. Keisler . . . . . Ops, Ark.
T. J. Craps . . . . . Lewiedale, S. C.

## LAY-DELEGATES.

E. S. Sease—St. Paul's, S. C.
E. D. Risinger—Cedar Grove, S. C.
S. L. Steel—St. James, S. C.
J. L. Roof—Immanuel, S. C.
A. S. Frick—St. Peter's (P. W.), S. C.
J. W. Eargle, J. C. Fulmer—St. Jacob, S. C.

*Absent and excused. †Absent.

H. P. Meetze—Mt. Horeb, S. C.
Emanuel Hendrix—St. Andrew's, S. C.
H. D. Smith—St. Peter's, Meetze's, S. C.
C. M. Efird—Zion's, S. C.
J. H. Wyse—Holy Trinity, S. C.
Carroll Bookman—Bethlehem, S. C.
G. W. L. Mize—Philadelphia, N. C.
C. E. Boger—St. Martin's, N. C.
L. A. Lipe—Lutheran Union, N. C.
C. E. Smyre—St. James, N. C.
F. A. Yoder—Grace, N. C.
J. P. Huffman—St. Stephen's, N. C.
E. L. Whitener—Zion, N. C.
J. S. Propst—Holy Trinity, N. C.
James T. Miller—St. Timothy, N. C.
John G. Huffman—Mt. Olive, N. C.
R. L. Fritz—Pilgrim's, Beck, Holly Grove, N. C.
Haley Myers—Emmanuel, N. C.
A. R. Beck—New Jerusalem, N. C.
M. H. Costner—Philadelphia, N. C.
David Jenkins—Lutheran Chapel, N. C.
D. E. G. Pasour—Antioch, N. C.
T. I. Fox—Melanchthon, Coble's, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
J. S. Lipe—Mt. Moriah, N. C.
Jacob Wike—Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
J. J. George—Salem, N. C.
M. H. Yount—Concordia, N. C.

The President, Rev. W. P. Cline, read his annual report, which was to be referred to a committee yet to be appointed.

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Another synodical year has been added to the past. Our labors and trials, our achievements and mistakes, have become a part of the history of our beloved church.—Let us pray to the Great Head of the Church, that our honest efforts towards building up His kingdom may bring forth much fruit to His honor and glory, and that He may render our mistakes harmless in the great work to which He has called us. God has, indeed, afflicted our household of faith during this year. Some of our brethren who have often been with us in synodical convention, will meet with us no more on earth. On February 18, 1891, our much beloved brother, M. L. Little, was called from time into eternity, having been fatally

wounded in a terrible railroad wreck in Catawba Co., N. C. Mysterious are the ways of Providence. It is not within the grasp of the human mind to comprehend why a servant of the church, so faithful and devoted should be called away in the prime of manhood and usefulness. It teaches us the sad lesson, that even in the midst of life we may be near death. Thus saith the Lord, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.—Isa. 55, 8–9. Also father Daniel Efird was called to his reward early in the past summer. Let us, dear brethren, be earnest, patient, and faithful in the work allotted to us, so when life's work shall have been done we may joyfully go to meet these departed brethren in the realms of bliss.

### OFFICIAL ACTS.

Soon after the adjournment of the last regular convention of Synod we, having been requested by the North Carolina Conference, called the Synod in special session on December 26, 1890, to consider a proposition of Mr. J. G. Hall of Hickory, N. C., relative to the Lenoir school property. The work of the Synod will appear in the Minutes of that convention. We have, during the year, issued orders upon the treasurer of beneficiary fund to pay the appropriations to our beneficiaries, namely: S. S. Keisler, $45 due him from the year 1889; $75 each to S. S. Keisler and J. J. George; also, $75 to Rev. A. L. Crouse, our theological instructor; and at different times we have authorized the treasurer of Synod to pay to Rev. D. A. Sox, the Synod's missionary, such money as came into the treasury for missions.

### CALLS.

In June, we received a letter from Rev. J. L. Deaton, Rowan Co., N. C., informing us that he had received and accepted a call from Mt. Moriah, St. Mark's, and Phanuel's churches in Rowan Co., N. C.—This is the pastorate lately served by candidate, A. L. Boliek, as a supply. Brother Deaton further informed us that he would enter upon his work July 1st, and would apply for connection with our Synod at this convention. He was ordained to the office of the holy ministry by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

### RESIGNATION.

Brother I. Conder resigned St. Jacob's (Bethany), on last November. This congregation is now being supplied by bro. J. W. Hausenfluck.

### NEW CHURCHES.

Bro. J. P. Price informed us in April that one of his congregations,

Lutheran Union, had built a new house of worship, which was dedicated on the 2d Sunday in April. The name was changed to Mt. Gilead.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt informed us that he had organized a new congregation at Hupp, Rockingham Co., Va. This congregation has erected a new house of worship, and will apply for admission at this convention of Synod. St. Paul's, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor, has also built a new house of worship.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) That a committee be appointed to prepare and submit resolutions upon the deaths of Revs. M. L. Little and Daniel Efird.

(2) That a more efficient plan be devised for the collection of mission funds.

(3) That a system of apportionment be adopted for the collection of church funds.

(4) That brief Minutes of the called session of Synod be published in connection with the Minutes of this convention.

In conclusion, brethren, we pray the blessing of the Master may direct us in all our deliberations during this convention of Synod, and that our minds may be led by the Holy Spirit so that we may work together in love and peace.

W. P. CLINE.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The result of the election was as follows:

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, President.
Rev. R. H. Cline, Rec. Sec'y.
Rev. J. C. Moser, Corr. Sec'y.
Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Treasurer.
Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Treas. Bene. Fund.
Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Asst. Treas, Bene. Fund.

Revs. A. L. Crouse, R. A. Yoder, and Mr. J. S. Lipe were appointed by the President to classify all letters and petitions addressed to Synod.

Synod then adjourned for one hour. Prayer and benediction by the President.

## SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Secretary called the roll. The President appointed the following

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On the State of the Church.*—Rev. I. Conder, Rev. W. P. Cline, Rev. W. L. Darr.

2. *On Examination.*—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. R. H. Cline, Rev. J. M. Smith, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Rev. J. K. Efird, Rev. E. L. Lybrand.

3. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., Rev. J. A. Rudisill, A. R. Beck.

4. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev. R. A. Yoder, Rev. P. C. Wike, J. W. Eargle.

5. *Treasurer's Report.*—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. D. I. Offman, J. C. Fulmer.

6. *On President's Report.*—Rev. J. G. Schaid, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Rev. Jacob Wike.

7. *On Church Institutions.*—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. J. C. Moser, J. S. Lipe.

8. *On Missions.*—Rev. W. P. Cline, Rev. J. P. Price, M. H. Costner.

Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund read the following report, which was referred to the proper committee for examination.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.—BENEFICIARY FUND.

R. A. YODER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1890. | DR. | |
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| Oct. 24. | To Rev. W. L. Darr's charge: Bethlehem, S. C., $5 75; St. Thomas, S. C., 65; St. Jacob's, S. C., $6 85; Rev. W. L. Darr, personal, $1 75 . . . . . | $ 15 00 |

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| Oct. | 24. | To Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's charge: St. Paul's, Page Co., Va., $2 00; St. Paul's, Augusta Co., Va., $1 13 | 3 13 |
| Oct. | 24. | To Rev. S. Henkel's charge: Mt. Zion, Va., $4 00; Emmanuel's, Va., $6 00 | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 24. | To Rev. D. I. Offman's charge | 50 |
| Oct. | 25. | To Rev. P. C. Wike's charge: St. Stephen's, $2 00; St. Matthew's, $12 00; Mt. Calvary, $3 25; St. Paul's, $6 21 | 23 46 |
| Oct. | 25. | To Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge | 29 43 |
| Oct. | 25. | To Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge: Sardis, $3 00; Trinity, $7 86; Daniel's, $8 39; Bethphage, $6 00 | 25 25 |
| Oct. | 25. | To Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge: St. Peter's, $4 00; St. Andrew's, $2 00; Wingard's School House, $1 45; Emmanuel's, $2 00; Zion, $5 00 | 14 45 |
| Oct. | 25. | To Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge: Morning Star, $2 00; Mt. Calvary, $3 00 | 5 00 |
| Oct. | 25. | To Rev. W. P. Cline's charge | 3 00 |
| Oct. | 25. | To Rev. M. L. Little's charge: St. Mark's | 6 25 |
| Oct. | 25. | To Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge: Philadelphia | 5 85 |
| Nov. | 18. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. J. M. Smith, former treas. | 129 90 |
| Nov. | 18. | To Rev. J. G. Schaid's charge: Concordia, $10 00; Newton and Glen Alpine, $5 00 | 15 00 |
| Nov. | 27. | To Rev. J. P. Price's charge: St. Martin's, Cab., $10 00; St. Martin's, Stanley, $3 00; Luther Union, $3 00 | 16 00 |
| Nov. | 27. | To Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge: Trinity, Caldwell | 2 00 |
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| 1890. | | Cr. | |
| Nov. | 4. | By amt. paid for memorandum | $ 10 |
| Nov. | 21. | By amt. paid S. S. Keisler | 45 00 |
| 1891. | | | |
| Feb. | 9. | By amt. paid S. S. Keisler | 25 00 |
| Mar. | 24. | By amt. paid S. S. Keisler | 25 00 |
| Mar. | 31. | By amt. paid J. J. George | 25 00 |
| May | 8. | By amt. paid J. J. George | 9 15 |
| June | 26. | By amt. paid Rev. A. L. Crouse | 75 00 |
| Aug. | 21. | By amt. paid J. J. George | 10 00 |
| Sep. | 12. | by amt. to S. S. Keisler | 25 00 |
| Sep. | 12. | By amt. to J. J. George | 30 85 |
| | | | $270 10 |

Sept. 29. To balance on hand . . . . . $ 34 12

Respectfully submitted, R. A. YODER,
TREAS. BEN. FUND.

Report of the Assistant Treasurer Beneficiary Fund, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was read by him, and referred to the proper committee.

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

No amounts were received during the past synodical year, and none were paid out. My report stands as it did at the meeting of Synod in the year 1890, with a balance in my hands, due Synod, of sixty-three dollars and ninety-two cents, $63.92; subject to the order of the treasurer. S. HENKEL, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

October 3, 1891.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, read the following report, which was referred to the proper committee:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1890. | | DR. | |
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| Oct. | 24-27. | To amt. rec'd for Minutes . . . . . | $114 87 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. F. Moser, on Mins. of 1889 | 1 80 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird, on Mins. of 1889 | 1 25 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. L. Darr, on Mins. of 1889 | 4 05 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd for Minutes . . . . . | $121 97 |
| 1891. | | | |
| Aug. | 4. | To printing, binding, mailing, and expressing 1200 copies Minutes of the Evang. Luth. Tenn. Synod | $ 83 10 |
| | | Balance due Henkel & Co. on Minutes 1887–1888 | 17 52 |
| | | Balance due Henkel & Co. on Minutes 1889 . . . | 7 24 |
| | | Due Henkel & Co., for printing blank parochial reports, and postage on same . . . . . | 2 13 |
| | | Total amt. due Henkel & Co. . . . . | $109 99 |
| 1891. | | | |
| Aug. | 4. | By amt. paid Henkel & Co., by others . . . . . | $ 37 85 |
| Aug. | 4. | By amt. paid Henkel & Co. . . . . | 72 14 |
| | | Total amt. paid Henkel & Co. . . . . | $109 99 |
| | | Balance on hand Oct. 8, 1891 . . . . . | $ 11 98 |

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| 1891. | | | |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. E. L. Lybrand . . . . . | 4 00 |
| | | Total amt. on hand . . . . . | $ 15 98 |

MONEY RECEIVED FOR UNITED SYNOD MINUTES.

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| 1891. | | | |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. on hand for United Synod Minutes . . . | $ 8 82 |
| Oct. | 24. | To amt. received of Rev. A. L. Boliek . . . . . | 1 50 |
| 1890. | | | |
| Dec. | 25. | To amt. received of J. P. Price . . . . . | 30 |
| | | Total amt. on hand for United Synod Minutes . . | $10 62 |

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

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| | | Total amt., princ. and int., Jan. 1, '91, on hand . | $ 18 96 |
| | | To amt. of interest from Jan. 1, '91, to Jan. 1, '92, | 1 13 |
| | | Total amt. on hand Jan. 1, 1892 . . . . . | $ 20 09 |

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1890. | | | |
| Oct. | 26. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D . . . . . | $ 5 00 |
| 1891. | | | |
| Aug. | 7. | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Zion ch., Rev. S. Henkel's ch. | 1 39 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd for Home Missions. . . . . | $ 6 39 |

HOME MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1891. | | | |
| June | 10. | By amt. paid J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | $ 4 95 |
| June | 10. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage . . . . | 05 |
| | | Total amt. paid out . . . . . | $ 5 00 |
| | | Balance on hand . . . . . | $ 1 39 |

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1890. | | | |
| Oct. | 25. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. A. Rudisill . . . . . | $ 6 80 |
| Oct. | 26. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D . . . . . | 5 00 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd . . . . . | $ 11 80 |

FOREIGN MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1891. | | | |
| June | 10. | By amt. paid J. D. Cappelmann . . . . . | $ 4 95 |
| June | 10. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage . . . . | 05 |
| | | Total amt. paid out . . . . . | $ 5 00 |
| | | Bal. on hand subject to order of Rev. J. A. Rudisill | $ 6 80 |

ALABAMA MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1890. | | | |
| Oct. | 24–26. | To amt. rec'd | $127 57 |
| Oct. | 27. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. E. L. Lybrand | 4 00 |
| Oct. | 27. | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Zion church, Rev. S. Henkel's charge, per J. B. Hess | 3 00 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd at Synod, Oct. 24-27, 1890. | $134 57 |
| Oct. | 29. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox, on salary of 1889 | $129 78 |
| | | Balance on hand Oct. 29, 1890 | $ 4 79 |
| Nov. | 29. | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Nebo church, Va., per Rev. J. S. Koiner | $ 1 45 |
| Nov. | 29. | To amt. rec'd of Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Emmanuel church, S. C., per Miss M. E. Campbell | 3 65 |
| Dec. | 25. | To amt. rec'd of St. Martin's church, N. C., per Rev. J. P. Price | 4 00 |
| Dec. | 25. | To amt. rec'd of Lutheran Union, N. C., per Rev. J. P. Price | 2 00 |
| 1891. | | | |
| Jan. | 5. | To amt. rec'd of Luther Chapel, Rev. Little's chg. | 4 45 |
| Jan. | 5. | To amt. rec'd of St. Mark's, Rev. Little's charge | 4 73 |
| Jan. | 5. | To amt. rec'd of St. John's, Rev. Little's charge | 2 95 |
| Jan. | 5. | To amt. rec'd of Antioch, Rev. Little's charge. | 1 40 |
| Jan. | 5. | To amt. rec'd of St. Mark's, Rev. Little's charge | 1 50 |
| Jan. | 5. | To amt. rec'd of Luther Chapel, Rev. Little's chg. | 2 45 |
| Jan. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Morning Star church, Va., per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt | 4 00 |
| Jan. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. P. Cline | 6 00 |
| Feb. | 6. | To amt. rec'd of D. J. Settlemyre | 80 |
| March | 27. | To amt. rec'd of H. A. Davis and family, per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 5 00 |
| April | 11. | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Calvary ch., Va., per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt | 5 00 |
| April | 22. | To amt. rec'd of Zion ch., S. C., per Rev. Cromer | 2 00 |
| April | 22. | To amt. rec'd of Christ's ch., Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge, per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 5 00 |
| April | 22. | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Holly ch., Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge, per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 5 00 |
| April | 22. | To amt. rec'd of St. Stephen ch., Rev. Crouse's chg. | 5 00 |
| April | 22. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. A. L. Crouse, personal. | 1 00 |
| | | | $ 72 17 |

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| May | 13. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. W. P. Cline . . . . . | $ 15 00 |
| May | 18. | To amt. rec'd of Mrs. Paul C. Bowman, Va . . . | 1 00 |
| May | 24. | To amt. rec'd of Grace ch., Va., per Rev. J. N. Stirewalt . . . . . | 1 00 |
| June | 8. | To amt. rec'd of St. Matthew ch., Va., per Rev. P. C. Wike . . . . . | 5 00 |
| June | 8. | To amt. rec'd of Miss Mary A. Rhodes, Va., per Rev. P. C. Wike . . . . . | 25 |
| June | 8. | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Calvary ch., Va., per Rev. P. C. Wike . . . . . | 2 80 |
| June | 8. | To amt. rec'd of St. Paul's ch., Va., per Rev. Wike | 5 00 |
| June | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Home and Foreign Missionary, Emmanuel ch., S. C., per Miss M. E. Campbell | 4 00 |
| June | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. I. Conder . . . . . | 6 05 |
| June | 15. | To amt. rec'd of Luther Chapel, per W. C. Sigman | 1 75 |
| Aug. | 3. | To amt. rec'd of Concordia ch., per S. G. Shell. . | 5 50 |
| Aug. | 7. | To amt. rec'd of Emmanuel ch., Va., per G. Koiner | 4 38 |
| Aug. | 7. | To amt. rec'd of Rader's ch., Va., per Sam'l Ryman | 7 00 |
| Aug. | 7. | To amt. rec'd of Mt. Zion, per Frank Bowman. . | 2 50 |
| | | | $ 61 23 |
| | | | 72 17 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd for Alabama Mission . . . . . | $133 40 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of St. Timothy ch., per Rev. Miller | 2 33 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of one whose name not allowed to pub. | 3 00 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Cedar Grove ch., per Rev. Lybrand | 5 00 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of St. Paul's ch., per Rev. Lybrand | 5 00 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Holy Trinity, per Rev. J. C. Moser | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Zion, per Rev. J. C. Moser. . . . | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. R. H. Cline's charge. . . . | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge . . . | 11 26 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of Young People's H. and F. M. Soc., per Rev. J. A. Cromer . . . . . | 1 80 |
| Oct. | 9. | To amt. rec'd of St. John's ch., per Rev. Bernheim | 4 37 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd . . . . . | $196 16 |

ALABAMA MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1891. | | | |
| Feb. | 7. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 1 . . . . . | $ 43 10 |
| Feb. | 7. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage . . . . | 27 |
| April | 16. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 2 . . . . . | 5 00 |
| May | 20. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 3 . . . . . | 37 83 |
| May | 20. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage . . . . | 17 |

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| June | 8. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 4 . . . . . | 14 93 |
| June | 8. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage . . . . | 12 |
| Aug. | 21. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 5 . . . . . | 31 76 |
| Aug. | 21. | By amt. paid for postal order and postage . . . . | 22 |
| | | Total amt. paid out . . . . . | $133 40 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd . . . . . | $196 16 |
| | | To balance on hand Oct. 10, 1891 . . . . . | $ 62 76 |
| | | | $196 16 |

MONEY RECEIVED TO PAY FOR THE CHURCH LOT IN ANNISTON, ALA.

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| 1891. | | | |
| Sept. | 12. | To amt. rec'd of St. John's ch., S. C., per Rev. J. K. Efird . . . . . | $ 2 95 |
| Sept. | 12. | To amt. rec'd of St. Peter's ch., S. C., per Rev. J. K. Efird . . . . . | 5 05 |
| Sept. | 12. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. K. Efird and wife. . . . | 2 00 |
| | | Total amt. rec'd . . . . . | $ 10 00 |

DISBURSEMENT.

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| 1891. | | | |
| Sept. | 17. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox for church lot in Anniston, Ala. . . . . | $ 10 00 |

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, read the following report:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report the following:

1. On page 21 of this Synod's Minutes of 1890, we find that the President of this body was instructed to reply to the Committee of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the South. Has this been done?

2. On page 23, we find that the Committee on Church Discipline was continued, to report at this convention of Synod. Is the committee ready to report?

3. On page 23, we find that the following committee, J. S. Koiner and R. A. Yoder, was appointed to take under further consideration the theological course as laid down in our Minutes, and report at this convention of Synod. Is said committee ready to report?

4. On page 24, we find that Revs. J. S. Koiner and J. I. Miller, D. D., were appointed a committee to report on the necessity of a Board of Church Extension. Are they ready to report?

5. On same page, we find a resolution calling the attention of the Board of Missions of our Synod to the outlook of mission work at Winston, N. C. What has said Board of Missions done?

6. On page 34, we find a resolution that Synod authorize the Mission Board to call and send an efficient pastor as a third missionary to our Alabama Mission work. Has this duty been performed?

7. On pages 34 and 35, we find a committee, composed of Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, S. Henkel, D. D., and R. H. Cline, to prepare a suitable plan for distribution of Minutes. Are they ready to report?

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
P. C. WIKE,
J. W. EARGLE.

Item 1. Complied with.

Item 2. With reference to this item, no report being ready and the committee asking to be discharged, their request was granted.

Item 3. The following motion prevailed with reference to this item: That the report of the committee be received, and printed in the Minutes for action at the next meeting of this Synod.

Item 4. Committee continued.

Item 5. By motion, this item was deferred for the present.

Item 6. Answered in Report on Board of Missions.

Item 7. With reference to the item, the committee to submit a plan for the distribution of Minutes, presented the following report, which was received and adopted item by item:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

We, your committee appointed at the last convention of this Synod to prepare a suitable plan to raise money for the publication and distribution of the Minutes of this Synod, beg leave to submit the following.

We recommend:

1. That each pastor be requested and required to call the attention of each of his congregations to this matter previous to the meeting of our Synod, and that each congregation take a special collection or make an appropriation for this purpose.

2. That the amounts collected be sent to the Treasurer of Synod without failure, and credited to each charge.

3. That all orders for Minutes be made through the Treasurer of Synod, who shall have a sufficient number printed to supply all the demand.

4. That the Treasurer order Minutes for each congregation or individual in proportion to the amounts paid into the Treasury, at the rate of 10 cents per copy.

5. That each pastor and theological student in connection with this Synod be furnished with Minutes according to our usual custom.

Respectfully submitted, J. P. STIREWALT,
S. HENKEL,
R. H. CLINE.

The report was adopted as a whole.

With reference to item 3d in the Report of Committee on Unfinished Business, the following was submitted and deferred to the next meeting of Synod for action.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON A REVISED COURSE OF STUDY FOR PRIVATE STUDENTS OF THEOLOGY.

The Committee on "A Revised Course of Study for Private Students of Theology," submit the following:

### COURSE FOR STUDENTS OF THEOLOGY.

#### I. FIRST PART.

1. Horne's Introduction.
2. Weidner's Encyclopædia.
3. Harper and Weidner's Introductory New Testament Greek Method.
4. Greek New Testament, with
5. Bengel's Gnomon.
6. Oehler's Old Testament Theology.

#### II. SECOND PART.

1. Kurtz's Sacred History.
2. Kurtz's Church History.

III. THIRD PART.

1. Book of Concord.
2. Krauth's Conservative Reformation.
3. Weidner's Introduction to Dogmatic Theology.
4. Schmid's Dogmatics.
5. Martensen's Christian Ethics.

IV. FOURTH PART.

1. Horn's Evangelical Pastor.
2. Hoppin's Homiletics.
3. Van Oestersee's Practical Theology.

Attention should be given to Church Polity. Hagenbach's History of Doctrine is recommended.

J. S. KOINER,
R. A. YODER,
COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee on Letters and Petitions read the following report, which was deferred until the following morning session for consideration and adoption :

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions submit the following :

I. LETTERS OF EXCUSE.

No. 1 is a letter from the venerable T. Moser, of North Carolina, asking to be excused from attendance at this meeting of Synod on account of feeble health and scarcity of funds. Your committee ask that he be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from J. W. Hausenfluck, of Virginia, praying to be excused from attending your present meeting. He assigns as his reason, the condition of his health. Your committee ask that Bro. H. be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from J. S. Koiner, of Virginia, asking to be excused from attendance on the present meeting of Synod. Brother K. writes that he has just removed to Charlottesville, which has been attended with considerable expense, and requiring just now a good deal of his time, for which reasons he asks that you excuse his absence. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

No. 4 is a letter from J. R. Peterson, of North Carolina, stating that on account of his wife's health he can not attend your present meeting, and asks that you excuse him. Your committee ask the Synod to excuse him.

No. 5 is a letter from J. F. Moser, of North Carolina, who asks for satisfactory reasons to be excused from this meeting. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

II. PETITIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

No. 1 is a petition from Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Hickory, N. C., asking for the next meeting of this body to be held in their midst. This petition is the joint action of the council and members of the congregation.

No. 2 is a petition from the members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Catawba Co., N. C., and citizens of surrounding community, asking that you hold your next meeting in their church. This petition has the names of 100 persons attached.

Your committee refer these petitions to Synod for the proper action.

III. PETITIONS FOR THE RECEPTION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS INTO CONNECTION WITH THIS BODY.

No. 1 is a petition from the officers and members of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, S. C., praying that it may become an integral part of this body, its members having, by a unanimous vote, subscribed to the constitution of Synod.

No. 2 is a similar petition from the officers and members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Hupp, Rockingham Co., Va. They agree to subscribe to the constitution of, and to abide by the rules and regulations of Synod. This petition is signed by 31 members.

Your committee recommend that these congregations be received.

IV. PETITIONS FOR THE EXAMINATION AND ORDINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

No. 1 is a petition from the councils of Mt. Pleasant and Friendship congregations, Watauga Co., N. C., respectfully asking for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of Candidate Jacob Wike, at the present meeting of Synod. Your committee ask the compliance of Synod with their request.

No. 2 are petitions from Chapel church, Gaston Co., N. C., St. Mark's, St. John's, and Antioch of the same county, asking that Candidate L. L. Lohr be ordained at this meeting of Synod. Your committee commend these petitions to the favorable attention of Synod.

V. THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

A letter from Rev. Peterson calls attention "to the almost untold evils growing out of the manufacture and traffic in intoxicating liquors,

suggesting that the time has come when Synod should take some decisive action with a view to curtailing these evils. Your committee recommend the adoption of Rev. Peterson's suggestion.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. MILLER,
J. A. RUDISILL,
A. R. BECK.

Synod adjourned. Prayer and benediction by the President.

## THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, and divine services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Smith. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous sessions, which were received and after proper corrections, adopted.

Consideration of Report on Letters and Petitions resumed.

*I. Letters of Excuse :*

Item 1 was sustained.

Item 2 was sustained.

Item 3 was sustained.

*II. Petitions for the Next Meeting of Synod :*

Item 1 was sustained, and Holy Trinity, Hickory, N. C., was selected for the place of the next annual meeting of this Synod.

Item 2 was not sustained.

*III. Petitions for the Reception of New Congregations into Connection with this Body :*

Item 1 was sustained, and Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, S. C., was ordered to be put upon the congregational roll.

Item 2 was sustained, and St. Paul's Evangelical

Lutheran Church, Rockingham county, Va., was ordered to be put upon the congregational roll.

*IV. Petitions for the Examination and Ordination of Candidates for the Ministry:*

Item 1 was sustained.

Item 2 was sustained.

Further consideration of this report was deferred for action at some future session of this Synod assembled.

Synod then adjourned for divine services. Benediction by Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D.

## FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 1 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. After the roll was called, the Chairman of the Committee on the President's Report, Rev. J. G. Schaid, read the following:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We respectfully submit the following:

1. That the President's recommendation regarding the appointment of a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of the Revs. M. L. Little and D. Efird be sustained.

2. As to the second recommendation, the trouble being as much a matter of education and true religion, as of method, Synod will have to attend to both, in order to gain real results. We recommend renewed attention to our first Standing Resolution and also Missionary Festivals—several congregations uniting for the discussion of the mission cause and the formation of Woman's Mission Societies.

3. We heartily sustain this recommendation. We recommend that an Apportionment Committee be appointed.

4. We concur in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. SCHAID,
J. N. STIREWALT,
JACOB WIKE.

Item 1 was sustained, and the following Committee, Revs. J. I. Miller, D. D., and J. M. Smith, was appointed

by the President to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. M. L. Little and Rev. D. Efird.

Item 2 was sustained.

Item 3 was sustained, and the following Committee on Apportionment was appointed by the President: Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. R. A. Yoder, and Rev. E. L. Lybrand.

Item 4 was stricken out.

The Chairman, Rev. W. P. Cline, read the following report. After some consideration the report was received and ordered to be placed upon the Minutes.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Our missionary work in Alabama has made encouraging progress during the year. Early in the year we made an effort to get another worker in the cause in that State. We could have succeeded if we would have had the necessary funds. The congregation near Jacksonville has a new house of worship in the process of construction, which will be completed by the end of the year. This congregation has also secured a lot for a parsonage. In the town of Anniston there are 20 or more members. Here a lot worth $1200 has been secured for $600, which is being paid in annual installments of $100 each. Our missionary has secured funds from different brethren to aid in the payment of these installments.

Tallapoosa, Ga., is a very important mission point. There are 6 or 7 very respectable families at this place, and more will move in this fall. These form an excellent nucleus for a congregation.

Birmingham, Ala., is also a place worthy of our attention, and should become a mission point, as it is one of the most progressive towns of the South. St. Michael's congregation desires a pastor in their midst. This congregation is awake to its duty. It has 45 members and 66 Sunday-school scholars. Collections are taken each service and every Sabbath in Sunday-school. The community would support a school. The congregation and school would pay $400 or more to any one who would be willing to preach and teach. It also has an eight acre parsonage lot.

This whole field has 100 members in these points to which our missionary has given his attention, including St. Michael's, besides many scattered members in other places. This field, dear brethren, is calling earnestly for more laborers. Can we pass this call unheeded and find ourselves blameless before the Head of the church?

In South Carolina there is no missionary directly under the con-

trol of the conference, but individual pastors have done a good work. Some money has been appropriated, and the wants of our people are attended to.

The Chairman of Executive Committee of Missions of Virginia Conference reports:

"Our missionary work is encouraging. Our mission stations are regularly supplied; and fraternally united, we are pushing the work of missions in the best possible manner under the present circumstances. Two churches within our Conference have been built and dedicated since the last convention of Synod.

Our mission in Eastern Virginia is now vacant, Rev. J. S. Koiner having resigned in August, but is supplying the field till a missionary can be secured. Our territory is white unto harvest, many points calling for the Bread of Life at our hands, but the laborers are too few to answer all and establish mission points where needed. Let us beseech the great Head of the church to send us more pastors who are equal to these things."

The Chairman of Executive Committee of Missions of the N. C. Conference reports:

"There has been but little progress in our mission work in North Carolina since the last meeting of our Synod. No additional work has been undertaken, though the field is broad and the calls are urgent.

The work already under our care is being prosecuted; and our missionary at Monroe announces his purpose to complete our church there by next January.

Besides the missionary operations carried on through the regular channels, a good deal of work is being done by individual effort. Including the two points mentioned above, six county towns are under the care of our committee.

The harvest truly is great: the want of men and means are greatly to be deplored. With a greater degree of unanimity and co-operation among our pastors, these wants will soon be supplied; and then blessing and prosperity will attend the work of our hands."

Taking a survey of the whole field, we find there is a missionary spirit gradually growing among our people. We think the greatest difficulty lying in the way of our mission work is the want of education along this line. The church has the means to carry on this work of the Master, but the habit of systematic giving has not been properly inculcated among many congregations. Let us teach them that the only true evidence of a pure Christianity is a progressive spirit of church extension. We cannot hide our light under a bushel, but set it upon a candlestand, so it may shine into the dark places of the earth. It is sad to relate that some of our pastors do not have a large mis-

sionary spirit, and therefore fail to arouse their people to a sense of their duty.

Brethren, let us endeavor to double our funds during the next year, and heed the Macedonian cry of Alabama, Send another laborer into this important field.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLINE,
R. H. CLINE.

Time for the next annual convention of this Synod, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1892.

The President, by motion, appointed the following committee to nominate delegates for the United Synod of the South, Revs. W. P. Cline, A. L. Crouse, J. P. Price.

The Committee on Examination, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., chairman, submitted the following:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

We, the committee appointed to hold a colloquium with Rev. J. L. Deaton, who has been dismissed from the E. L. Pennsylvania Synod, to our Synod, and finding him in harmony with us in doctrine and practice, recommend that he be received in connection with our Synod; and having been also appointed to examine Messrs. L. L. Lohr and Jacob Wike, theological students, as to their attainments and character to bear the office of pastor, and finding them, after careful examination, qualified to bear this office, we recommend that they be ordained. We further recommend, that Rev. J. M. Smith preach the ordination sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
J. M. SMITH,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD,
R. H. CLINE,
E. L. LYBRAND.

On motion, Synod set apart Sunday afternoon for the ordination services of the candidates, Messrs. L. L. Lohr and Jacob Wike.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

## FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10 A. M.

The President called the Synod to order, and divine services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Price. The Secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the previous sessions, which were received, and after proper correction were adopted.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Chairman of the Committee on Treasurer's Report, submitted the following:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURERS' REPORTS.

Your committee have examined the reports of both Treasurers of Beneficiary and Synod, and find the same correct.

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. I. OFFMAN,
J. C. FULMER.

The report was adopted.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on Church Institutions, offered the following report:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

We, the Committee on Church Institutions, have examined the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, Conover, North Carolina, addressed to Synod.

It says, in view of the present conditions of things, the school is succeeding quite well. The number in attendance is good. The order and discipline are commendable, and the work, on the part of the teachers and students, seems to be quite successful.

It also states, that the Professor of Theology, elected by last year's Synod, is not at his post, and that place is now vacant, and asks Synod to fill it.

We recommend that Synod grant the request, and suggest Rev. J. M. Smith as a suitable man to fill that place.

We have also examined the Report of the President of the Faculty of Concordia College, Conover, North Carolina, addressed to Synod.

It says, notwithstanding our sorrowful divisions, the school is enjoying a fair measure of prosperity. The enrollment of students for the present term is 108. Of these 25 are boarding students; 10 are in the college classes, and 18 in the music department. It also says the lack of a theological teacher at the college during the present

term, has operated against the school, and it hopes Synod may do something towards healing the divisions, and placing the school on a more permanent and solid basis.

Respectfully submitted, S. HENKEL,
J. C. MOSER.

Pending the discussion of the above report, Synod adjourned for divine services and refreshments. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

## SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1 P. M.

Rev. J. G. Schaid, chairman of the committee on the temperance question, reported the following :

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee appointed to report suitable resolutions in regard to the whisky evil, would respectfully present the following :

*Resolved* 1. That we recognize with sorrow the deep and wide-spread desolation occasioned by the use of intoxicating drinks.

2. That we recognize our duty again to clearly define our attitude as one of uncompromising opposition to this as well as all other forms of sin.

3. That we consider the traffic in intoxicating liquors, as well as their use as a beverage, inconsistent with the conduct of a Christian.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. SCHAID,
J. I. MILLER,
J. H. WISE.

Item 1 was sustained.

Item 2 was sustained.

Item 3 was sustained.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

### SUNDAY CLOSING OF COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

Inasmuch as other ecclesiastical bodies have memorialized the Committee of the Columbian Exposition, to be held in Chicago in the year 1892-3, to close said Exposition on Sundays ; therefore,

*Resolved 1.* That the Tennessee Synod unites most heartily with such ecclesiastical bodies to petition said Committee of the International Exposition to close said Exposition on Sundays.

*Resolved 2.* That our Corresponding Secretary furnish said committee a copy of this action.

The Report of Committee on Church Institutions was resumed for further consideration by Synod. The recommendation set forth by the committee in the report was not sustained.

### LETTER OF DISMISSAL.

This is to certify that the REV. JOHN L. DEATON is a member, in good standing, of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, and receives this honorable dismissal, at his own request, to enable him to apply for admission into the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, with which his charge is connected.

G. F. KROTEL,
*Pres. Evan. Luth. Minis. of Pa., etc.*

New York, Sept. 24, 1891.

With reference to the preceding letter of honorable dismissal from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, it was

*Resolved*, That Rev. John L. Deaton, according to the regulations of our Synod, appear before Synod's Examining Committee for a colloquium, and upon the favorable report of the committee, be received into Synod and his name placed upon the clerical roll.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, Chairman of Committee on Apportionment, submitted the following:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your committee to apportion the amount of funds to be raised by Synod for all her work of beneficence, among the different pastors, beg leave to submit the following:

The apportionment is based upon the communicant membership, taken from the Parochial Report of 1890. It stands upon that basis as follows:

| | Per Cent. | | Per Cent. |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. R. Peterson | 1½ | R. A. Yoder | 4½ |
| S. Henkel | 3 | J. S. Koiner | 1 |
| C. H. Bernheim. | 3 | W. P. Cline | 3½ |
| J. M. Smith | 5 | D. J. Settlemyre | 3 |
| J. I. Miller | 1 | D. A. Sox | 1 |
| L. A. Bikle | 2 | J. A. Rudisill | 6 |
| I. Conder | 1½ | J. F. Moser | 1 |
| J. N. Stirewalt | 5½ | R. H. Cline | 2 |
| A. L. Crouse | 3 | P. C. Wike | 3½ |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 6 | J. P. Price | 1½ |
| J. C. Moser | 4½ | W. L. Darr | 3½ |
| L. L. Lohr | 4 | D. I. Offman | 1½ |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 4½ | J. P. Miller | 1 |
| J. K. Efird | 4 | J. G. Schaid | 2 |
| J. A. Cromer | 4 | J. L. Deaton | 3 |
| E. L. Lybrand | 4½ | Jacob Wike | 1 |

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
E. L. LYBRAND,
S. HENKEL.

The above report was adopted as a whole.

The following candidates for the ministry were recommended and referred to the Examining Committee: Messrs. J. A. Arnt, F. K. Roof, H. J. Mathias, Cephas K. Lippard, J. L. Cromer.

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES.

Synod appropriated the following amounts for Beneficiary Education:

J. J. George, $100.00; S. S. Keisler, $100.00; T. J. Craps, $40.00. The above beneficiaries were ordered by Synod to pursue their studies at Highland College, Hickory, N. C.

The following resolution in reference to the style of church building prevailed:

Inasmuch as it costs about as much to build well as ill; and inasmuch as the mind is reached by the eye as well as the ear, therefore

*Resolved*, That we recommend the Gothic Style of church architecture as the most suitable for our worship.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby extended to the members of this congregation and the kind people of this community, for the fraternal reception extended us, and for the kindness and hospitality we have enjoyed during our sojourn in their midst.

Rev. W. P. Cline, Chairman of Committee to nominate Delegates to the United Synod, submitted the following report:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO UNITED SYNOD.

| PRINCIPALS. | Virginia. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|---|
| Rev. S. Henkel, D. D | | Rev. I. Conder, |
| " J. I. Miller, D. D. | | " J. N. Stirewalt, |
| " P. C. Wike | | " R. H. Cline. |

| LAY-DELEGATES. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| Elon O. Henkel | J. J. Moyer, |
| Silone Zirkle | Wm. Coffman, |
| Samuel A. Ryman | Jacob L. Hepner. |

| PRINCIPALS. | North Carolina. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|---|
| Rev. A. L. Crouse | | Rev. D. J. Settlemyre, |
| " R. A. Yoder | | " J. L. Deaton, |
| " J. M. Smith | | " J. G. Schaid, |
| " J. A. Rudisill | | " L. L. Lohr, |
| " D. I. Offman | | " J. F. Moser. |

| LAY-DELEGATES. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| Silas Smyre | J. S. Propst, |
| William Yoder | J. S. Fry, |
| D. P. Boger | Jas. T. Miller, |
| J. S. Lipe | C. J. Deal, |
| G. Shell | W. A. Beck. |

| PRINCIPALS. | South Carolina. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|---|
| Rev. J. K. Efird | | Rev. W. L. Darr, |
| " E. L. Lybrand | | " J. A. Cromer. |

| LAY-DELEGATES. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| Hon. H. A. Meetze | Carrol Bookman, |
| C. M. Efird, Esq. | Albert Eargle. |

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLINE,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. P. PRICE.

Rev. J. A. Cromer, by request of Chairman, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Committee on the State of the Church, read the following report:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to submit the following:

### VIRGINIA.

In this State our congregations are in a growing condition. They are all supplied with earnest and energetic pastors. Not one is without regular services, only one has services on every Lord's day. Whilst we have at this time no appointed Missionary of Conference, yet mission work within our bounds is receiving due attention. Our Virginia Conference largely supports a missionary. New mission points are likely to be opened up during this year. Some of our pastorates are still too large, but an action of the last convention of our conference is likely to remedy this, so that better results may be realized. The larger part of our congregations carry on well-conducted Sunday-schools, and catechetical instructions are regularly given. Christian giving is on the increase. Three new church edifices have been erected in our conference during this year. Two have been recently dedicated, and, no doubt, the other will be dedicated soon. One of these, namely, St. Paul's, at Hupp, Va., has been built in a section of the country where there never was a Lutheran church before. Its prospects are flattering. Brotherly love prevails among our pastors and between pastors and people.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

In North Carolina the reports from the various pastorates and congregations made at the last meeting of conference, indicate that the condition of the church is, in some respects, quite gratifying. Growth, progress, and increasing activity are manifest in most of our congregations. In many pastorates there is a marked development in the line of Christian giving; while in others, we regret to say, there is no progress in this direction. It is greatly to be deplored that this is the case, when the mission field is so broad, and the cry for help is so loud and frequent.

In general the work of preaching the Word and instructing the young is performed with diligence and fidelity; but it is to be regretted that, owing to want of pastors, and large pastorates, many of our congregations have preaching but once a month, and but little pastoral visiting. We hope the time is soon coming when this evil will be remedied.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Our churches in South Carolina, with one or two exceptions, are in a prosperous condition,—in the opinion of your committee,—more so than they have been in many years. Some of our old churches have been beautified by the paint brush, a new one has been dedicated at Little Mountain, the material, or part of it, is on the ground for one at Chapin, and the prospects are that one will soon be commenced at New Brooklyn; also, St. Thomas congregation has nearly completed a commodious house.

Attendance on public worship has been very good, the people seem anxious to hear the Word, and seem more attached than ever to the dear old Church of the Reformation.

Missionary societies have been organized in some of the churches, and are doing a good work.

Our people are increasing in liberality, and are endeavoring to give their pastors a better support.

All of our churches have Sunday-schools, and most of them are in a flourishing condition, and in all of them the literature of our church is used, and the Bible and Luther's Catechism have the first place.

ALABAMA.

As the pastor sees it, the State of the Church in Alabama is in a progressive condition generally. St. Michael's congregation was discouraged in not getting the services last year of Mr. J. T. Miller, yet they are doing very well. Near Jacksonville we have a new church nearly completed, and the congregation is in a prosperous condition. At Anniston many of our members there have moved away during the summer, but they are to return again this winter; however, hopes are entertained that the congregation will all return soon and more besides. We will secure our lot in Anniston. There is an opening in Tallapoosa, Georgia, for an organization which will be effected soon. Upon the whole the pastor is inclined to believe that the whole work in Alabama is in a progressive condition.

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. A. CROMER.

The report was received and adopted; Synod then adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt conducted divine services.

Secretary read the minutes of the previous day, which were received, and after proper corrections were adopted.

The following letter from Rev. G. W. Holland, D. D., corresponding delegate from the South Carolina Synod to this body, was read and ordered to be recorded in the minutes:

### FRATERNAL LETTER.

NEWBERRY, N. C., OCT. 9, 1891.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD:

*Dear Brother in Christ*:—As the delegate of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, I extend to your body, now in session, fraternal greetings in the name of our common Lord.

The Synod of South Carolina bids you God-speed in your zeal for the pure truth of God's Word, and prays for a true unity in doctrine and cultus in all the synods and churches of our United Synod of the South.

Fraternally in Christ, G. W. HOLLAND,
DELEGATE OF S. C. SYNOD.

In view of the fraternal spirit and just views expressed in the above letter, Synod reciprocated the brotherly greetings, and in token of her sincerity elected a delegate to attend the next regular meeting of the South Carolina Synod, to be held in Augusta, Ga., October 21, 1892.

Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions on the death of Revs. D. Efird and M. L. Little, submitted the following report:

## IN MEMORIAM.

### Respect to Memory of Revs. Marcus L. Little and Daniel Efird.

WHEREAS, In the ordering of Divine Providence our dear brethren, M. L. Little and D. Efird, have been taken from us and gathered to the fathers ; be it

*Resolved* 1. That by the removal of these brethren the church on earth has lost faithful ministers and able teachers and defenders of the doctrines of God's grace ; our country, true citizens ; and their bereaved families, exemplary Christian fathers.

*Resolved* 2. That we receive in reverent submission this dispensation of our Heavenly Father, cherish with gratitude the memory of the self-denying services of our fellow-workers in the Gospel, and are reminded that our period of labor on earth is short.

*Resolved* 3. That we tender our sincere sympathy to the families of the deceased, and commend them to the care of Him who is Father to the fatherless.

*Resolved* 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the families of the deceased, and that a page in our Minutes be inscribed to their memory.

J. I. MILLER,
J. M. SMITH.

The report was received and adopted by a standing vote.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted :

*Resolved*, That we raise $1,000 for synodical funds during the synodical year.

*Resolved*, That a column in our Parochial Table be added immediately after Sunday-school scholars, for the per cent. funds to be raised by each pastor.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place selected, and was closed by divine services led by the President.

ROBERT H. CLINE,
SECRETARY.

## RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Opening Sermon, Rev. W. P. Cline ; Friday, 10 A. M., Gen. 22, 36.

Saturday, 11 A. M., Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D. ; Luke 8, 18.

Sunday, 11 A. M., Rev. S. Henkel, D. D. ; 1 Cor. 11, 25—middle clause.

Sunday, 2 P. M., Rev. J. M. Smith, Ordination Sermon, 2 Cor. 5, 18–20.

Sunday night, 7 P. M., Rev. J. A. Rudisill ; James 1, 27.

Monday, 11 A. M., Rev. J. G. Schaid ; Matth. 9, 22.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael, Emmanuel.
CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas, Mt. Horeb, Holy Trinity.
RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew, Mt. Tabor.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.
ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh.
BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.
CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Trinity.
CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Mt. Gilead.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy, Mt. Olive.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon.

MECKLENBERG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin, Zion.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel, St. Luke.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel, St. Paul.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. William (Fairview), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

Total number, 109.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved 1.* That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to take up in each of his congregations collections for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod: and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

*Resolved 2.* That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some ; be it, therefore,

*Resolved 3.* That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted ; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved 4.* That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 5.* That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the Synodical year, to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 6.* That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved 7.* That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved 8.* That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved 9.* That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved 10.* That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our Min-

isters to ask their Congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved 11.* That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved 12.* That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved 13.* That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved 14.* That the chairmen of the Executive Committee of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the Missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved 15.* That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

*Resolved 16.* That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved 17.* That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and, if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved 18.* That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved 19.* That, with a view of establishing proper relations between Concordia College, situated at Conover, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, we, in meeting assembled, agree, 1. that whenever a vacancy, or vacancies, occur, either by death, resignation, or removal, in the Board of Trustees or in the Faculty, the said Synod shall have the right as well as the privilege to recommend a suitable person, or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies ; 2. that the Synod shall have the right to appoint a Board of Visitors, whose

duty it shall be annually to visit said school, and make such report of the condition of the school to each session of the Synod, as be deemed most advantageous ; 3. that it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to make a report annually to the Synod, relative to moral and literary condition of the school, which report shall also be signed by the secretary of the faculty ; 4. that the President of the Board of Trustees shall also make an annual report to Synod, in regard to the financial condition of the school, which report shall likewise be signed by the secretary of the Board of Trustees ; 5. that this school shall be continued and conducted as a church institution, under such rules and regulations, as may be instituted by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the charter, and the Confessions of the Church as set forth in the Christian Book of Concord, each teacher, instructor, or professor, taking an obligation not to teach anything in said school that is contrary to said Confessions.

These stipulations or proposition shall be valid and in force, provided the said Synod shall acquiesce, and is disposed to lend said institution its fostering care and encouragement, as well as its influence and moral force ; provided, that if the Synod shall fail, after notice, to recommend, in due time, a suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the proper authorities of said institution shall proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

*Resolved 20.* That we, as a Synod, accept the propositions made to us by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and that in consideration of the rights and privileges therein granted, we will lend to said institution our fostering care, influence, and moral support.—*See Minutes of 1883, page 18.*

*Resolved 21.* That our beneficiaries and students of theology shall neither preach nor absent themselves from their recitations without special permission of the faculty of Concordia College, and that we advise that they preach not more than once a month.

*Resolved 22.* That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 23.* That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

# PAROCHIAL TABLE.

| PASTORS. | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Received by Letter. | Transfers. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday-Schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Per Centum. | Beneficiary Education. | Home Missions. | Synodical Fund. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. | Foreign Missions. |
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| J. R. Peterson | 1843 | 3 | 150 | 310 | 1 | 12 | 2 | . | . | 2 | . | 2 | 8 | 80 | 1½ | $14 00 | $15 00 | $3 60 | $ 250 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| T. Moser | 1844 | . | . . . | . . . | . | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . . | . | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| S. Henkel, D. D | 1850 | 2 | 264 | 466 | 3 | 16 | 5 | . | 5 | 10 | . | 1 | 8 | 96 | 3 | . . . . | 22 00 | 4 50 | 350 00 | $1000 00 | . . . |
| C. H. Bernheim | 1855 | 3 | 296 | 547 | . | 32 | 20 | 2 | 6 | 5 | . | 3 | 22 | 204 | 3 | 6 69 | 6 69 | 8 75 | 281 00 | 140 00 | . . . |
| J. M. Smith | 1856 | 3 | 670 | . . . | . | 45 | 48 | . | . | 16 | . | . | . | . . . | 5 | . . . . | 21 75 | 2 00 | 275 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| J. I. Miller, D. D | 1858 | 1 | 90 | 150 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | . | 1 | 7 | 80 | 1 | 8 00 | 5 45 | 1 55 | 400 00 | . . . . | $5 00 |
| L. A. Bikle, D. D | 1859 | 2 | 190 | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . . | 2 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| I. Conder | 1861 | 3 | 78 | 131 | . | 2 | . | 4 | . | 1 | . | 1 | 5 | 40 | 1½ | . . . . | 13 72 | 2 50 | 155 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| J. N. Stirewalt | 1871 | 5 | 547 | 864 | 6 | 17 | 8 | . | . | 14 | . | 5 | 29 | 297 | 5½ | . . . . | . . . . | 1 50 | . . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| A. L. Crouse | 1871 | 2 | 340 | 640 | 1 | 38 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 144 | 3 | 15 00 | 60 00 | 4 10 | 350 00 | 30 00 | . . . |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 1873 | 5 | 590 | 927 | 1 | 27 | 14 | 4 | 19 | 18 | . | 2 | 15 | 105 | 6 | 10 23 | 38 51 | 4 00 | 500 00 | 1000 00 | . . . |
| J. C. Moser | 1873 | 2 | 358 | 640 | . | 48 | 14 | 8 | . | 6 | . | 3 | 24 | 312 | 4½ | 20 00 | 80 00 | 7 00 | 650 00 | 40 00 | . . . |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 1877 | 7 | 494 | 820 | 1 | 11 | 6 | . | . | 13 | . | 4 | . | 240 | 4½ | . . . . | 11 00 | . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| J. K. Efird | 1877 | 3 | 550 | 1000 | . | 24 | 37 | 3 | 6 | 19 | . | 3 | 37 | 225 | 4 | 5 00 | 5 90 | 4 00 | 450 00 | 873 85 | . . . |
| J. A. Cromer | 1877 | 4 | 430 | 782 | 1 | 20 | 14 | . | . | 8 | . | 5 | 25 | 320 | 4 | . . . . | 54 00 | 11 00 | 310 00 | 75 00 | 16 00 |
| E. L. Lybrand | 1877 | 4 | 460 | 735 | . | 40 | 13 | 3 | . | 6 | . | 3 | 30 | 200 | 4½ | . . . . | 25 00 | . . . | 350 00 | 200 00 | . . . |
| R. A. Yoder | 1879 | 3 | 450 | 650 | . | 13 | 20 | 4 | 5 | 6 | . | 1 | 6 | 85 | 4½ | 20 00 | 30 00 | 6 00 | 450 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| J. S. Koiner | 1881 | 2 | 60 | 100 | . | 8 | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | 5 | 20 | 1 | . . . . | 2 00 | 2 00 | 400 00 | 52 00 | . . . |
| W. P. Cline | 1881 | 5 | 399 | 730 | . | 25 | 7 | . | . | 3 | . | 2 | 10 | 125 | 3½ | . . . . | 38 60 | 3 00 | 325 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| D. A. Goodman | 1882 | . | . . . | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . . | . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 | 3 | 283 | 476 | . | 25 | 10 | 1 | . | 8 | . | 3 | 15 | 150 | 3 | 5 00 | 28 00 | 1 90 | 250 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| D. A. Sox | 1883 | 3 | 81 | 150 | . | 5 | 4 | . | . | . | . | 1 | 5 | 66 | 1 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 | 425 00 | 500 00 | . . . |
| J. A. Rudisill | 1883 | 3 | 685 | 1020 | 2 | 49 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 16 | . | 3 | 30 | 310 | 6 | 13 00 | 40 20 | 5 00 | 350 00 | 1520 00 | . . . |
| R. H. Cline | 1885 | 5 | 200 | 450 | 3 | 15 | 7 | . | 6 | 5 | . | 1 | 8 | 50 | 2 | . . . . | 43 00 | 6 00 | 400 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| J. F. Moser | 1883 | 4 | 105 | 250 | . | 8 | 5 | 2 | . | 1 | . | 2 | 8 | 70 | 1 | 5 00 | 27 57 | 3 00 | 500 00 | 1000 00 | . . . |
| P. C. Wike | 1886 | 4 | 313 | 566 | . | 20 | 4 | 1 | . | 4 | . | 3 | 16 | 175 | 3½ | 13 00 | 56 05 | 6 00 | 465 00 | 1200 00 | . . |
| J. P. Price | 1888 | 3 | 148 | 352 | 1 | 7 | 2 | . | . | 1 | . | 2 | 8 | 81 | 1½ | 11 35 | 17 98 | 3 30 | 310 00 | 625 00 | . . |
| W. L. Darr | 1889 | 4 | 385 | 630 | . | 18 | 29 | 3 | 2 | 10 | . | 4 | 26 | 210 | 3½ | . . . . | 7 50 | 9 00 | 350 00 | 35 00 | . . . |
| D. I. Offman | 1889 | 3 | 128 | 200 | . | 10 | 2 | . | . | 3 | . | 1 | 4 | 40 | 1½ | . . . . | . . . . | 4 00 | 300 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| J. P. Miller | 1889 | 3 | 240 | 390 | . | 24 | 4 | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . . . | 1 | 2 00 | 18 30 | . . . | 150 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| J. G. Schaid | 1875 | 2 | 173 | 339 | . | 16 | 4 | . | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 11 | 90 | 2 | 3 96 | 21 16 | . . . | 245 00 | 205 00 | . . . |
| J. L. Deaton* | 1891 | 3 | 164 | . . . | . | 7 | 6 | . | . | 1 | . | 2 | 13 | 150 | 3 | *3 00 | *3 00 | 2 00 | 400 00 | 200 00 | . . . |
| Jacob Wike | 1891 | 2 | 124 | 300 | . | 18 | 12 | . | . | 1 | . | 2 | 7 | 80 | 1 | . . . . | 21 30 | . . . | . . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| L. L. Lohr | 1891 | 4 | 400 | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | 9 | . | 3 | . | . . . | 4 | . . . . | 30 92 | 4 70 | . . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| Total | . . . | 105 | 9856 | 26 495 | 25 | 556 | 317 | 42 | 58 | 212 | 1 | 65 | 375 | 4465 | 100 | $157 63 | $891 60 | 100 92 | $8741 00 | 10015 00 | $21 00 |

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# MINUTES

OF THE

# Called Session

OF THE

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

# TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

ST. JAMES CHURCH,

Near Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.,

DECEMBER 26, 1890.

# MINUTES

OF THE

# CALLED SESSION

OF THE

# Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in called session with St. James Evangelical Lutheran congregation, near Newton, Catawba Co., N. C., December 26–27, 1890.

The President, Rev. W. P. Cline, preached the opening sermon from Isaiah 2, 5.

The Secretary called the clerical roll, and noted the ministers absent.

## MINISTERIAL ROLL.

| PASTORS. | POST-OFFICES. |
|---|---|
| Rev. J. R. Peterson | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser* | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D.* | New Market, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim | Conover, N. C. |
| " D. Efird* | Lexington, S. C. |
| " J. M. Smith | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D. | Concord, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D.* | Luray, Va. |
| " I. Conder* | McGaheysville, Va. |
| " J. N. Stirewalt* | Stony Man, Va. |

* Absent.

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| Rev. A. L. Crouse | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. P. Stirewalt* | New Market, Va. |
| " Prof. M. L. Little | Dallas, N. C. |
| " J. C. Moser | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. K. Efird* | Rightwell, S. C. |
| " J. A. Cromer* | Columbia, S. C. |
| " E. L. Lybrand* | Summit Point, S. C. |
| " Prof. R. A. Yoder | Conover, N. C. |
| " J. S. Koiner* | Culpeper C. H., Va. |
| " D. A. Sox* | Edwardsville, Ala. |
| " D. A. Goodman | Connelly's Springs, N. C. |
| " J. W. Hausenfluck* | Alma, Va. |
| " Prof. W. P. Cline | Ilex, N. C. |
| " D. J. Settlemyre | New Sterling, N. C. |
| " J. A. Rudisill | Henry, N. C. |
| " R. H. Cline | New Market, Va. |
| " P. C. Wike* | Maurertown, Va. |
| " D. C. Huffman* | Hickory, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. G. Schaid | Conover, N. C. |
| " J. P. Price* | Concord, N. C. |
| " J. F. Moser | Monroe, N. C. |
| " W. L. Darr* | Chapin, S. C. |
| " D. I. Offman | Julian, N. C. |
| " J. P. Miller | Conover, N. C. |

*Absent.

## LAY-DELEGATES.

The following lay-delegates were enrolled, after presenting their certificates of election:

Julian Mathias—Zion, S. C.
A. N. Bowlan—St. Peter's (P. W.), S. C.
J. L. Cromer—St. Andrew's, S. C.
F. L. Fry—Friendship, N. C.
Thomas Barns—Salem, N. C.
D. J. Shuford—Lutheran Chapel, N. C.
E. E. Cline—Philadelphia, N. C.
George W. Rabb—St. James, N. C.
A. G. Copenning—Grace, N. C.
Jonas Hunsucker—Concordia, N. C.
F. J. Dellinger—St. John's, N. C.
G. A. Bolick—St. Paul, N. C.
Q. M. Smith—St. Peter's, N. C.

D. W. Huffman—St. Stephen, N. C.
J. S. Goodman—Trinity, N. C.
H. G. Seitz—Zion, N. C.
M. L. Cline—Holy Trinity, N. C.
D. P. Yount—Newton, N. C.
J. E. Coulter—Sardis, N. C.
D. F. Carpenter—Bethel, N. C.
J. T. Miller—Trinity, N. C.
T. L. Steine—Mt. Olive, N. C.
W. A. Mooney—St. Matthew's, N. C.
H. H. Conrad—Pilgrim, N. C.
G. W. Crouse—Beck, N. C.
Haley Myers—Emmanuel, N. C.
T. C. Foust—New Jerusalem, N. C.
R. L. Fritz—Holly Grove, N. C.
M. H. Costner—Philadelphia, N. C.
W. M. Robinson—Lutheran Chapel, N. C.
Melchi Hovis—Iron Station, N. C.
C. Pasour—Antioch, N. C.
N. N. Stroup—Christ's Church, N. C.
Henry Setzer—Sharon, N. C.
J. S. Fry—St. John's, N. C.
J. P. Collins—St. Martin, N. C.
Wm. Yoder—Daniel, N. C.
M. R. Bost—Salem, N. C.
J. L. Rice—Morning Star, N. C.
W. P. Carpenter—Mt. Moriah, N. C.
J. H. Boyte—St. Luke, N. C.
Jacob Wike—Friendship and Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Through the mercy of our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to assemble in extra convention of Synod, for the purpose of deliberating upon several very important subjects, which now claim our serious attention. Let us pray that an allwise Providence may so direct our hearts and minds, that our labors may advance the interests and welfare of his kingdom, and that harmony and good-will may prevail among the brethren of our beloved church.

The first subject which we submit for your consideration, is as follows: Mr. J. G. Hall, of Hickory, N. C., trustee of certain property lying in and near the town of Hickory, known as the Lenoir school site, on which Hickory Highland Academy is now located, has pro-

posed to donate said school site and certain other lands contiguous to the above school site, granted to Mr. Hall, by will of the late Col. W. W. Lenoir, on certain conditions and specifications as set forth in a document submitted with this report.

In the second place, we have lately received a communication from the Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, Conover, N. C., setting forth a series of resolutions passed by that body on Dec. 18, 1890, in which resolutions the said Board of Trustees offer Concordia College to our Synod. We also submit this report of the secretary.

In the third place, we submit for your consideration the feasibility of having our Synod incorporated. As an organized body our Synod cannot hold property, nor can it exercise the functions of an individual in any process of law. This subject becomes one of vital importance to us, since the above proposition of Mr. Hall, and the offer of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College have been made. Also we have heard of several bequests to the Synod by brethren in their wills. Should these brethren be called to their reward in the Spirit world, would the Synod be in a condition before the courts of our country to receive such legacies?

These are the reasons why you have been called together so soon after the regular annual convention of our Synod. If we would have postponed the consideration of these matters until the next annual convention, the educational interests of our Synod would have been injured, or at least greatly delayed, owing to the fact, especially, that the Legislature of our State will meet this winter, and the measures proposed in the subjects presented to the Synod cannot be effected without some special legislation; and should we fail to have this matter brought before the present legislature, we would not have another opportunity before the year 1893.

We submit these propositions without making any recommendations or suggestions as to what action you should take, willingly leaving them to the combined wisdom of this body to determine what course will be best to pursue, so that the highest welfare of our beloved church may be accomplished. Let us rejoice, dear brethren, that our Synod has reached such a high degree of unity in the faith, that we are no longer disturbed with doctrinal questions, but we have attained to that position wherein we "walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing," and now can turn our attention to economic questions, looking to the development of the material interests of our church. May the Great Head of the church so direct our labors in this convention that his blessed kingdom on earth may be promoted, his name exalted before men, and that we can leave this house of prayer after

our work shall have been done, and go to our homes and respective fields of labor feeling that our meeting has not been in vain.

Respectfully submitted, W. P. CLINE.

The report was received, and the several subjects mentioned in the said report were discussed without having referred it to a committee. After several days discussion, Synod decided, by a small majority, to locate the College at Conover, N. C.

After tendering thanks to the congregation for the kind manner in which it entertained Synod, Synod adjourned with the usual service.

ROB'T H. CLINE, SECRETARY.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

# TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

Hickory, Catawba County, North Carolina,

SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 4, 1892.

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## MISSION BOARD OF THE SYNOD.

REVS. A. L. CROUSE AND P. C. WIKE.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.*

REVS. J. P. STIREWALT, C. H. BERNHEIM, J. G. SCHAID.

*ON EXAMINATION.*

REVS. S. HENKEL, D. D., R. H. CLINE, J. M. SMITH, J. C. MOSER, J. A. CROMER, E. L. LYBRAND.

## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, near Tom's Brook, Va., (*pastor loci*, Rev. P. C. Wike,) was chosen as the place, and Saturday, 10 A. M., before the fourth Sunday in September, 1893, as the time.

# MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

# EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

## FIRST SESSION.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HICKORY, N. C.,
FRIDAY, SEPT. 30, 1892.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in her seventy-second annual convention with Holy Trinity congregation, Hickory, N. C., at 10 A. M., Sept. 30, 1892. The President, Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, preached the opening sermon from Phil. 1, 17, latter part of verse. The clerical roll was called, and the names of the ministers present were enrolled. On certificate of their election, the delegates present were also enrolled.

### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

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| Rev. J. R. Peterson | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D | New Market, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim | Conover, N. C. |
| " J. M. Smith | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D. | Concord, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D*. | Luray, Va. |
| " I. Conder† | McGaheysville, Va. |
| " S. S. Rahn | Dallas, N. C. |
| " A. L. Crouse | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. P. Stirewalt | New Market, Va. |
| " J. C. Moser | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. K. Efird† | Oakesdale, Washington. |
| " J. A. Cromer | Columbia, S. C. |

*Absent and not excused. †Absent and excused.

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| Rev. E. L. Lybrand | Summit Point, S. C. |
| " Prof. R. A. Yoder | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. S. Koiner | Ladd, Va. |
| " D. A. Sox† | Edwardsville, Ala. |
| " D. A. Goodman | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. W. Hausenfluck† | Rockingham, Va. |
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| " D. I. Offman | Julian, N. C. |
| " J. P. Miller | Conover, N. C. |
| " Jacob Wike | Ilex, N. C. |
| " L. L. Lohr | Dallas, N. C. |
| " J. L. Deaton | China Grove, N. C. |
| " A. R. Beck | Bristoe, Va. |
| " S. L. Nease | Little Mountain, S. C. |

## CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

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| R. L. Fritz | Hickory, N. C. |
| J. C. Wessinger | Wessinger, S. C. |
| G. E. Long | Conover, N. C. |
| Wm. H. Roof | Columbia, S. C. |
| Francis K. Roof | Columbia, S. C. |
| H. Julian Mathias | Lexington, S. C. |
| J. T. Craps | Lewiedale, S. C. |
| J. Allen Arnt | Arnt, N. C. |
| E. J. Sox | Hickory, N. C. |
| Cephas K. Lippard | Statesville, N. C. |

## BENEFICIARIES.

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| J. J. George | Hickory, N. C. |
| T. J. Craps | Lewiedale, S. C. |
| S. S. Keisler | Ops, Ark. |
| J. L. Cromer | Columbia, S. C. |
| Arthur M. Pence | Cootes's Store, Va. |
| Benjamin F. Pence | Forestville, Va. |

†Absent and excused.

## LAY-DELEGATES.

Jonas Huffman—College Chapel, Gaston Co., N. C.
John B. Dellinger—Sharon, Lincoln Co., N. C.
A. G. Thompson—Christ Church, Gaston Co., N. C.
James T. Miller—St. Timothy, Catawba Co., N. C.
Silas Wike—St. John's, Catawba Co., N. C.
L. Link—Philadelphia, Caldwell Co., N. C.
M. E. Ekard—St. Stephen's, Catawba Co., N. C.
Henry Setzer—Sharon, Iredell, Co., N. C.
L. C. Deatz—St. John's, Iredell Co., N. C.
Gilbert Cline—St. Paul's, Catawba Co., N. C.
John A. Hoke—St. Peter's, Catawba Co., N. C.
P. K. Little—Bethel, Catawba Co., N. C.
S. A. Yount—Mt. Olive, Catawba Co., N. C.
S. A. Ryman—Rader's, Solomon's, St. Paul's (Rockingham), St. Mary's (Pine), Morning Star, Shenandoah Co., Va.
E. L. Whitener—Zion's, N. C.
D. E. Whitener—Holy Trinity, N. C.
S. L. Nease—St. John's, S. C.
A. N. Bowlan—Holy Trinity, S. C.
S. F. Wheeler—St. Peter's (P. W.), S. C.
D. J. Roof—Emmanuel's, Mt. Tabor, S. C.
H. D. Smith—St. Peter's (Meetze's) S. C.
G. F. Keisler—Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, St. James's.
G. M. Yoder—Grace, N. C.
G. W. Rabb—St. James's, N. C.
Robt. E. Costner—Salem, Lincoln Co., N. C.
N. C. Robinett—Salem, Alexander Co., N. C.
J. F. Miller—St. Paul's, St. Jacob's, St. David's, Spring Valley, Va.
J. L. Leonard—Trinity, N. C.
P. M. Houser—Bethphage, N. C.
David Yoder—Daniel, N. C.
Jackson Moomaw—St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, St. Matthew's, Mt. Calvary, Shenandoah Co., Va.
Herbert Hahn—Mt. Gilead, N. C.
W. C. Crowell—St. Luke's.
J. C. Wessinger—St. Thomas, Bethlehem, S. C.
D. L. Fox—Coble's Church, S. C.
Nimrod Moser—Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
T. I. Fox—Melanchthon, N. C.
T. J. Yount—Shiloh, N. C.
G. W. Conrad—Pilgrim, N. C.

Haley Myers—Immanuel, N. C.
A. H. Conrad—Holly Grove, N. C.
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W. W. Stroup—Chapel, N. C.
J. L. Moretz—Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Jacob Townsend—Friendship, N. C.
J. P. Spenser—Concordia, N. C.
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L. M. Lippard—St. Mark's, Rowan Co., N. C.
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C. A. Little—Mt. Zion, Caldwell Co., N. C.
C. M. Efird—Zion and St. Andrew's, S. C.
D. E. Efird—St. Martin's, Stanley Co., N. C.
J. J. George—St. Jacob's, S. C.
J. M. Rhodes—St. John's, Gaston Co., N. C.
W. A. Mauny—St. Matthew's, Cleveland Co., N. C.
Dr. C. M. Bess—Cedar Grove, N. C.
T. A. Setzer—Philadelphia, Gaston Co., N. C.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to a committee to be yet appointed.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD, IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED.

*Dear Fathers and Brethren in Christ Jesus :*—May grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be and abide with us.

The days, weeks, and months, comprising another synodical year, are about numbered. One more year's work therefore is to be added to the valuable history of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod. Our kind Father in heaven, in the exercise of his providence and mercy, has permitted us to assemble ourselves together again in synodical convention. In coming here some of us have been exposed to great danger and some inconvenience, but God has been with us and shielded us. We are heartily thankful for his care and protection.

We have come together for the purpose of laying plans and devising means for carrying on the important work which the great Master has enjoined upon us, his servants. Let us then, in all our deliberations, fear God. Let us exercise fervent charity among ourselves, and invoke the Holy Spirit, as a Spirit of truth and power, to preside over us and to guide us in all our works and ways.

We should be sincerely thankful to our dear heavenly Father for his special care and protection over us during the synodical year which has just ended, as well as during all former years and for all blessings. During this year our ministerial ranks remain unbroken by death.—The lives of all our pastors have been spared, and all have been permitted and enabled to labor to some extent, at least, in the vineyard of our divine Lord and Master.

### OFFICIAL ACTS.

During the synodical year, I have performed only a few official acts. On October 10, 1891, I gave an order to Rev. D. A. Sox, the Synod's Missionary in Alabama, on the Treasurer of Synod, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, for $67.66, part of his salary for 1890 and 1891. On Oct. 13, 1891, I gave an order to Rev. D. A. Sox on the Treasurer for $31.07, part of his salary for 1890 and 1891. On November 10, 1891, I ordered the Synod's Treasurer to pay Rev. D. A. Sox the balance due on his salary for 1890 and 1891, which Rev. Sox, at that time, claimed to be nearly $100.00. The Treasurer's Report, now in my possession, will indicate the condition of the missionary's salary.

On Dec. 11, 1891, I gave, upon his own application, John J. George, an order on Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, for $100.00, this being the amount appropriated by Synod at her convention in St. Paul church, Lexington Co., S. C. On Dec. 26, 1891, upon his own application, I issued an order in favor of S. S. Keisler on the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund for $100.00, this being the amount appropriated by last year's Synod.

### INSTALLATIONS.

On October 11, 1891, I authorized Revs. J. P. Price and D. A. Sox to install Rev. E. L. Lybrand on the third Sunday of last October, at St. James church, Summit, Lexington Co., S. C. Rev. Sox wrote me on November 5th that they had performed said duty on the second Sunday of October instead of the third. At the request of the council of St. Peter's congregation, Lexington Co., S. C., through their Secretary Mr. D. W. Frick, I, on Feb. 1, 1892, appointed Rev. J. K. Efird to install Rev. J. G. Schaid. He was installed in his charge on March 6, 1892.

RESIGNATIONS AND VACANCIES.

On November 27, 1891, Rev. Jacob Wike wrote me that he had resigned his work in Watauga Co., N. C. On April 18, 1892, he wrote me that he had taken work at Ilex, Lexington Co., N. C. I presume the Watauga pastorate is being supplied by the North Carolina conference of this Synod. Some time in the latter part of last year, Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck informed me that he had resigned his two congregations in Page Co., Va., viz., St. Paul and Alma Fairview, and that he had accepted a call to St. Jacob's, Bethany, in Rockingham Co., Va., and is doing missionary work with Spring Valley congregation at Midvale in Rockbridge Co., Va. His two congregations in Page Co., Va., are still vacant. Rev. J. K. Efird also resigned his pastorate in South Carolina, and has removed to Oakesdale, Washington.

About the middle of August, 1892, our Synodical Treasurer, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, informed me that he had resigned his pastorate in Page County, Va., that he had accepted a call to a pastorate within the bounds of the Evangelical Lutheran Indiana Synod, and that he would enter upon his work in that field on the second Sunday in September. At that time also he turned over to me, as the president of Synod, all the money in the treasury, together with the papers and receipts, &c., pertaining to that office. They will be forthcoming. On September 12, 1892, I gave him, at his own request, a letter of honorable dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, to enable him to apply for admission into the Evangelical Lutheran Indiana Synod which is appointed to convene on October 4. His former pastorate, composed of Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, and Cedar Point, all in Page Co., Va., is still vacant.

On September 12, 1892, Rev. D. J. Settlemyre informed me that, at the close of last year, he resigned Sharon, St. Martin's, and St. John congregations, constituting the Iredell County pastorate. I understand that Rev. Prof. Geo. A. Romoser, a member of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, has been installed pastor of Sharon and St. Martin congregations. As these congregations are in rather an abnormal condition, being served by a pastor not at this time in connection with our Synod, I would here suggest that this matter be investigated, and would now recommend that Synod endeavor to make arrangements to have all the vacant congregations in her connection regularly supplied with the means of grace.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS AND NEW CHURCHES.

Rev. D. J. Settlemyre also informed me that, during the month of August last, he organized a congregation in the town of Taylorsville, N. C. This congregation has taken steps towards building a

church edifice, and will, doubtless, apply for admission into connection with this Synod during this convention. I would here recommend the reception of this congregation, and that its name be placed upon the congregational roll of this Synod.

On September 19, 1892, Rev. J. A. Rudisill informed me that, as a result of his labors, in addition to his regular work in his pastorate, he organized a small congregation on August 13th, upon the confessional basis of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the western part of Lincoln County, near the Cleveland line. This congregation has already built for its own use a good house of worship, 30 x 45 feet. It is appointed to be dedicated on the fifth Sunday in October under the name and title of "David's Chapel." It will apply for admission into this Synod during this convention. Rev. J. A. Rudisill also wrote me that on the 17th of September, he organized a congregation by the name of "Cedar Grove" in Lincoln Co., N. C., upon the confessional basis of the Tennessee Synod. This congregation has a good church building nearly completed. The building is 30 x 50 feet. This congregation will also apply for admission into this Synod. I here recommend that both of these congregations be received, and that their names be placed upon our congregational roll.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the form of our parochial report be amended by adding another column, showing the amount of money collected by the several conferences of our Synod.

2. That one or more of our pastors be appointed at each convention of this Synod, to preach a special sermon or sermons on selected subjects at the ensuing convention of Synod.

3. That we advise as many of our congregations as can do it, to endeavor to establish parochial schools.

And now, brethren, in vacating the chair, I extend to you my most sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me in selecting me as your presiding officer, and for the respect you have manifested during my term of office. I hope you will pardon my mistakes. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
PRESIDENT EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, President.
Rev. P. C. Wike, Recording Secretary.
Rev. J. L. Deaton, Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Treasurer.
Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treasurer Beneficiary Fund.
Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, Asst. Treas. Bene. Fund.

Synod adjourned to meet at fifteen minutes after two o'clock P. M.

Benediction by the President.

## SECOND SESSION.

Opened with prayer by the President.

Roll was called. Revs. F. Kuegele, Prof. W. H. T. Dau, Prof. G. A. Romoser, Prof. H. K. G. Doerman, Prof. W. E. Tressel, C. D. Besch, and B. L. Westenberger were present as guests.

Dr. F. W. E. Peschau, corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, was received and granted the privilege of addressing Synod.

The following committees were announced by the President.

### COMMITTEES.

1. *On the State of the Church.*—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, C. H. Bernheim, and J. G. Schaid.

2. *On Examination.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., R. H. Cline, J. M. Smith, J. C. Moser, J. A. Cromer, E. L. Lybrand.

3. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. L. Deaton, Mr. A. N. Boland.

4. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. J. F. Moser, D. A. Goodman, and G. F. Keisler.

5. *On Treasurers' Reports.*—Revs. W. L. Darr, W. P. Cline, and Mr. A. J. Beck.

6. *On President's Report.*—Revs. T. Moser, S. Henkel, D. D., and Mr. J. F. Miller.

7. *On Church Institutions.*—Revs. J. A. Rudisill, R. H. Cline, and J. A. Cromer.

A letter from the Southwestern Virginia Synod, granting an honorable dismissal to Rev. Prof. S. S. Rahn, was read before Synod, and placed into the hands of the Examining Committee. Rev. A. L. Crouse, having had under his tuition during the last synodical year the Synod's theological students, read his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Church Institutions.

The Committee on Examination, having held a colloquium with Rev. Prof. S. S. Rahn, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

COLLOQUIUM.

Having held a colloquium with Rev. S. S. Rahn, as to his position in regard to doctrine and practice, and finding him worthy of admission into our Synod, we therefore recommend that he be received into our Synod, as he came in a regular way, and if received, that our President inform the President of the Southwestern Virginia Synod of our action.

S. HENKEL,
J. M. SMITH,
E. L. LYBRAND,
J. A. CROMER,
R. H. CLINE,

Sept. 30, 1892. COMMITTEE.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

## THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1892.

Synod was opened with divine service, conducted by the President.

After the roll was called, the minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved. A motion prevailed

to abolish the committee on missions. Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund, read his report. Said report was received and referred to the proper committee.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.—BENEFICIARY FUND.

R. A. YODER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1891. | DR. | |
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| Oct. 9. | To amount on hand, balance, at Synod, St. Paul's, S. C., Oct. 9, 1891 | $ 34 12 |
| Oct. 9. | To amount from Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge: St. John's, $4 37; Philadelphia, $3 35; St. Timothy, $2 33 | 10 05 |
| Oct. 9. | To amount from Rev. J. P. Price's charge: St. Martin's, Cabarrus, $8 00; Mt. Gilead, $2 00; St. Martin's, Stanley, $1.35 | 11 35 |
| Oct. 9. | To amount from Rev. D. J. Settlemyre's charge: St. Martin's, Iredell | 5 00 |
| Oct. 9. | To amount from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge: St. John's | 3 25 |
| Oct. 9. | To amount from Rev. J. L. Deaton's charge: Mt. Moriah | 3 00 |
| Oct. 9. | To amount from Rev. J. I. Miller's charge: St. Mark's | 8 00 |
| Oct. 9. | To amount from Rev. I. Conder's charge | 6 67 |
| Oct. 9. | To amount from Rev. D. A. Sox's charge | 5 00 |
| Oct. 9. | To amount from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge: Salem, $5 00; St. James, $10 00 | 15 00 |
| Nov. 26. | To amount from Rev. J. C. Moser's charge: Holy Trinity | 10 00 |
| Nov. 26. | To amount from S. Henkel, D. D., Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund | 63 92 |
| Dec. 4. | To amount from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge: St. Stephen's | 10 00 |
| Dec. 30. | To amount from Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge | 13 00 |
| 1892. | | |
| Jan. 23. | To amount from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge: Christ's Church, $6 00; Mt. Holly, $5 00; Sharon, $3 50 | 14 50 |
| May 16. | To amount from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge: St. Stephen's | 8 00 |
| | Total amount of receipts | $ 220 86 |

| 1891. | Cr. | |
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| Dec. 17. | By amt. paid J. J. George | $ 22 60 |
| Dec. 28. | By amt. paid S. S. Keisler | 15 70 |
| 1892. | | |
| Jan. 8. | By amt. paid S. S. Keisler | 25 00 |
| Jan. 20. | By amt. paid J. J. George | 25 00 |
| Mar. 11. | By amt. paid S. S. Keisler | 25 00 |
| Mar. 21. | By amt. paid J. J. George | 25 00 |
| May 17. | By amt. paid J. J. George | 27 40 |
| May 19. | By amt. paid S. S. Keisler | 34 30 |
| | Total amt. paid | $200 00 |
| Sept. 21. | To balance on hand | $ 20 86 |

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
TREAS. BEN. FUND.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund, read his report which was received and referred to Committee on Treasurer's Report.

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

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| To amt. in my hands on last year's report, Nov. 24, 1891 | | | $ 63 92 |
| 1891. | | | |
| Dec. 2. | Cr. By amt. paid Rev. R. A. Yoder | $63 92 | |
| 1892. | | | |
| Jan. 6. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Wike, $6.00 from St. Matthew's, and $7.00 from St. Paul's | | 13 00 |
| Sept. 26. | To amt. from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge | | 26 50 |
| | Rec. of Paul C. Bowman, per J. P. Stirewalt, personal | | 50 |
| | To amt. from Rev. S. Henkel's charge | | 10 00 |
| | | | $113 92 |
| | | | 63 92 |
| | Balance in my hands, Sept. 26, 1892 | | $ 50 00 |

S. HENKEL,
ASSISTANT TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt read the report of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, former treasurer of Synod. Said report was received and also referred to proper committee.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1891. | DR. | |
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| Oct. 9–13. | To amt. rec'd for Minutes for session of 1891. . . . | $117 80 |
| | Amt. due per Rev. R. H. Cline . . . . . | 6 00 |
| | Amt. due per Rev. D. I. Offman . . . . . | 1 00 |
| 1892. | | |
| Feb. 11. | To am't due per Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck for 1 dozen Minutes . . . . . | 1 20 |
| | | $126 00 |
| 1892. | | |
| Oct. 1. | By cash per Rev. D. I. Offman, his bal. due for Minutes of 1891 . . . . . | 1 00 |
| | Total . . . . . | $125 00 |
| | Deduct cost of printing, mailing, &c . . . . . | 84 71 |
| | Balance on hand . . . . . | $ 40 29 |
| 1891. | | |
| Nov. 30. | To printing, binding, mailing, and expressing 1300 copies of Minutes, 40 pages, E. L. Tenn. Synod.. | $ 84 71 |
| Nov. 25. | By amt. paid Henkel & Co . . . . . | $ 75 53 |
| 1892. | | |
| May 13. | By amt. of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt to Henkel & Co . . . | 4 30 |
| Aug. 29. | By cash of Rev. R. H. Cline to Henkel & Co . . . . | 4 82 |
| Sept. 23. | By cash of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, postage on 6 copies of Minutes . . . . . | 06 |
| | | $ 84 71 |

### ALABAMA MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1891. | | |
| Oct. 11. | To amt. rec'd from St. Paul's church, S. C., per Rev. E. L. Lybrand . . . . . | $ 11 00 |
| Oct. 12. | To amt. rec'd from Mt. Moriah church, N. C., per Rev. J. L. Deaton . . . . . | 3 00 |
| Oct. 12. | To amt. rec'd from St. John's church, S. C., per Rev. J. K. Efird . . . . . | 1 90 |
| Oct. 12. | To amt. rec'd from St. Peter's (Meetze's) church, S. C., per H. D. Smith . . . . . | 5 17 |

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| Oct. 12. | To amt. rec'd from St. James' church, N. C., per Rev. R. A. Yoder | $ 5 00 |
| Oct. 12. | To amt. rec'd from Salem church, N. C., per Rev. R. A. Yoder | 5 00 |
| Nov. 3. | To amt. rec'd from young people's H. & F. S., Emmanuel church, S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge, per Miss M. E. Campbell | 4 20 |
| 1892. | | |
| January 4. | To amt. rec'd from St. Paul's church, Shen. Co., Va., per Rev. Wike | 3 00 |
| January 4. | To amt. rec'd from St. Stephen's church, Shen. Co., Va., per Rev. Wike | 3 00 |
| January 4. | To amt. rec'd from William Orndorff, personal | 50 |
| January 4. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. P. C. Wike, personal | 25 |
| Feb. 13. | To amt. rec'd from St. Paul's church, Shen. Co., Va., per Rev. P. C. Wike | 5 00 |
| Feb. 13. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. P. C. Wike, personal | 50 |
| Feb. 25. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. W. L. Darr for last year | 6 00 |
| April 22. | To amt. rec'd from Morning Star church, Shen. Co., Va., per Rev. J. P. Stirewalt | 75 |
| April 22. | To amt. rec'd from St. Paul's church, Rockingham Co., Va., per Rev. J. P. Stirewalt | 1 59 |
| April 22. | To amt. rec'd from Rader's church, Rockingham Co., Va., per Rev. J. P. Stirewalt | 11 48 |
| April 22. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, personal | 26 |
| May 5. | To amt. rec'd from St. Matthew's church, per Rev. P. C. Wike | 6 00 |
| May 6. | To amt. rec'd from St. Stephen's church, N. C., per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 5 00 |
| May 6. | To amt. rec'd from Mt. Olive church, N. C., per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 5 00 |
| May 6. | To amt. rec'd from Holy Trinity church, Rev. J. C. Moser's charge | 5 00 |
| May 6. | To amt. rec'd from Shiloh church, N. C., Rev. J. P. Miller's charge | 2 00 |
| May 6. | To amt. rec'd from Sardis church, N. C., Rev. J. P. Miller's charge | 3 00 |
| Feb. 25. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. W. L. Darr | 8 00 |
| May 16. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. R. H. Cline's charge | 5 00 |
| May 16. | To amt. rec'd from Morning Star ch., Shen. Co., Va., per Rev. J. P. Stirewalt | 1 75 |
| May 16. | To amt. rec'd from Solomon's church, Shen. Co., Va., per Rev. J. P. Stirewalt | 6 12 |

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| May 16. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge . . . | 9 55 |
| May 26. | To amt. rec'd from Mt. Nebo church, Va., per Rev. J. S. Koiner . . . . . | 3 28 |
| June 14. | To amt. rec'd from Christ's church, N. C., per Rev. J. R. Peterson . . . . . | 6 00 |
| June 14. | To amt. rec'd from College Chapel, N. C., per Rev. J. R. Peterson . . . . . | 5 25 |
| June 28. | To amt. rec'd from Mt. Nebo, Va., per Rev. J. S. Koiner . . . . . | 1 72 |
| | Total . . . . . | $140 27 |

ALABAMA MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1891. | | |
| Oct. 13. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 1 . . . . . | $ 31 07 |
| Dec. 17. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 1, a . . . . . | 4 20 |
| 1892. | | |
| Jan. 6. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 2 . . . . . | 6 75 |
| Feb. 28. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 3 . . . . . | 5 50 |
| March 1. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 4 . . . . . | 6 00 |
| May 3. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 5 . . . . . | 14 08 |
| May 11. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 6 . . . . . | 34 00 |
| May 17. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 7 . . . . . | 22 42 |
| June 21. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox—vou. 8 . . . . . | 14 53 |
| | Total . . . . . | $138 55 |
| | Balance . . . . . | $ 1 72 |

MONEY RECEIVED TO PAY FOR THE CHURCH LOT IN ANNISTON, ALA.

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| 1892. | | |
| Feb. 25. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. W. L. Darr for church lot in Anniston, Ala . . . . . | $ 6 00 |
| 1892. | | |
| March 1. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox for church lot in Anniston, Alabama . . . . . | $ 6 00 |

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1890. | | |
| Oct. 25. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. J. A. Rudisill . . . . . | $ 6 80 |
| 1892. | | |
| Feb. 13. | To amt. rec'd from Rev. P. C. Wike, personal . . . | 50 |
| May 5. | To amt. rec'd from St. Matthew's church, Va., per Rev. P. C. Wike . . . . . | 2 00 |
| | Total amt. rec'd . . . . . | $ 9 30 |

1892.
May 9. By amt. paid J. D. Cappelman . . . . . 2 50

Balance on hand subject to order of Rev. J. A. Rudisill $ 6 80

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS IN UNITED SYNOD.

1891.
Aug. 7. To amt. rec'd from Emmanuel church, New Market, per G. Koiner . . . . . $ 1 39

1891.
Dec. 6. By amt. paid J. D. Cappelman . . . . . $ 1 39

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

1892.
January 1. To amt. carried over from last year's report (see Minutes of last year, page 11) . . . . . $ 20 09

MONEY RECEIVED FOR UNITED SYNOD MINUTES.

1892.
Aug. 16. To amt. on hand brought from report of last year (See Minutes of last year, page 11) . . . . . $ 10 62

Respectfully submitted,
J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made their report, which was received for consideration item by item.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, would respectfully submit the following :

(1) On page 15, we find that Revs. J. S. Koiner and J. I. Miller were continued as Committee on Church Extension. Have we a report from said committee ?

(2) On page 16, we find a Course of Study for Private Students of Theology, submitted to be acted upon at this convention of Synod.—Is Synod prepared to act ?

(3) On page 15, action with regard to mission work at Winston was deferred. Can anything now be done ?

(4) On page 20, Report on President's Report (item 2) recommends Missionary Festivals and Women's Mission Societies. Have any of these Festivals been held, and have any of these Women's Mission Societies been organized ?

(5) On page 33, we find that Synod resolved to raise $1,000 for all synodical purposes. Has said amount been raised?

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOSER,
D. A. GOODMAN,
G. F. KEISLER.

Relative to item one, nothing has been done by this Synod individually.

As to item second, the matter involved was deferred another year for further consideration.

As to item third, some progress has been made.

Item fourth is very nearly complied with.

After the last item was acted upon, the report was recommitted.

The Committee on Church Institutions read its report which was received, and, by motion, was deferred for further consideration. On motion, Synod adjourned for divine services.

## FOURTH SESSION.

After Synod was called to order, the session was opened by prayer, led by Rev. R. H. Cline. After the roll was called, the chairman of the Committee on Letters and Petitions read their report, which was received for consideration item by item.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, the committee in whose hands were placed the papers addressed to this body, submit the following:

CLASS I.

No. 1 is a petition from Bethel congregation, Manassas, Va., and Trinity congregation, Brandy Station, Va., praying for the examination and ordination of candidate A. R. Beck to the office of pastor.

No. 2 is a petition from Holy Trinity and St. John's congregations, Lexington Co., S. C., praying for the examination and ordination of candidate S. L. Nease.

CLASS II.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from Cedar Grove and David's Chapel congregations, two newly organized congregations in the western part of Lincoln Co., N. C., praying to be received as integral parts of this Synod.

CLASS III.

No. 1 is a petition from members of Solomon's church, Shenandoah Co., Va., inviting Synod to hold its next convention with that congregation.

CLASS IV.

No. 1 is a letter from the church council of a congregation under the pastoral care of Pastor Hausenfluck, in which they represent the congregation in a prosperous condition and greatly need a house of their own in which to worship, but are unable without aid to build. Your committee infer that they wish aid from Synod.

CLASS V.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Koiner in which he assigns press of business in connection with his school, and domestic matters, as reason of his absence from Synod, and asks to be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. I. Conder in which he assigns want of funds, as the cause of his absence, and asks to be excused.

No. 3 is a petition from Rev. Hausenfluck in which he states that sickness in his family has prevented his attendance on this convention of Synod.

No. 4 is a letter from J. K. Efird, Oakesdale, Washington, in which he states that owing to the great distance from the place of meeting he is unable to be present, and asks to be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, Edwardsville, Ala., stating that from want of money to pay expenses he was unable to attend the meeting, and asks to be excused.

J. R. PETERSON,
J. L. DEATON,
A. N. BOLAND.

CLASS I. As to item first, Synod ordered that the candidate, Mr. A. R. Beck, be examined, and, if found qualified, that he be ordained. Concerning the second item, it was ordered that Mr. S. L. Nease be examined, and, if found qualified, ordained.

CLASS II. As to items 1 and 2, the congregations were received, and their names recorded.

CLASS III. Item first was deferred for further consideration.

CLASS IV. Item one was referred to the Superintendent of Missions of the Virginia Conference of the E. L. Tennessee Synod.

CLASS V. As to item one, Rev. J. S. Koiner was excused. Item second was sustained, and Rev. I. Conder was excused. As to item third, Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was excused. Item fourth was sustained, and Rev. J. K. Efird was excused. Item fifth was sustained, and Rev. D. A. Sox was excused.

The time fixed for the consideration of the Report of Committee on Church Institutions is next Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The Report of Committee on President's Report was read, and received for consideration by item.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, the committee appointed to report on the President's Report, submit the following: We have read the President's Report, and find it interesting, and regard it as a carefully gotten up document.

1. On page 3, he recommends, that the matter in regard to Sharon and St. Martin's churches, in the Iredell, North Carolina charge, be investigated. In view of the facts before us, we do not deem synodical action necessary.

2. He recommends that the form of our parochial report be amended. We suggest that the amendment be made.

3. We also suggest that his second recommendation be approved.

4. In regard to parochial schools, in his third suggestion, we think the recommendation should be approved.

T. MOSER,
S. HENKEL,
J. F. MILLER,
COMMITTEE.

Pending this report, Synod adjourned to meet tonight immediately after divine services. Prayer by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

## FIFTH SESSION.

After the roll was called, the President called for the re-reading of the Report on President's Report. Item one was deferred for consideration next Monday. Item second was sustained. Item third was sustained.

A motion prevailed, to appoint a committee to select subjects for special sermons at next convention of Synod, and nominate the ministers to deliver them: Revs. W. P. Cline, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. G. W. Rabb are the committee.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL SERMONS.

We, your committee to select subjects for special sermons at next meeting of Synod, report the following: Sermon on Missions, Rev. J. C. Moser; alternate, Rev. J. L. Deaton. Sermon on Catechisation, Rev. J. G. Schaid; alternate, Rev. J. M. Smith.

W. P. CLINE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
GEO. W. RABB.

Item fourth was sustained.

The chairman of the delegation to the convention of the United Synod, held in Knoxville, Tenn., June 22, 1892, read the following report, which was received, considered, and ordered to be spread upon the face of the minutes as information.

### REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED SYNOD.

Of the twenty delegates appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, 1890, to represent it in the meeting of the United Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, which convened in Knoxville, Tennessee, in its fourth biennial session, June 22, 1892, the following were present: Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Revs. A. L. Crouse, P. C. Wike, J. I. Miller, D. D., and J. G. Schaid, and Hon. H. A. Meetz.

As the proceedings of the United Synod will appear in print, and our Synod may, perhaps, appoint a committee to report on these proceedings, it is deemed unnecessary to present a detailed account in regard to them, in this report.

Suffice it to say, that much important business was transacted in a proper, harmonious manner. The proposed By-Laws and Rules of Order were adopted, without taking any action relative to the Regulations for the Work of the United Synod. In regard to these, a committee was appointed to report, and submitted the following report:

We, the Committee appointed to report in regard to the Regulations relating to the Work of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, after prayerful consideration, submit the following:

It is our persuasion that this body is not prepared to express a unanimous judgment on these regulations, be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the report on By-Laws, &c., be adopted without them.

A. J. BROWN, CHAIRMAN,
H. S. WINGARD,
L. G. M. MILLER,
GEO. H. COX,
S. HENKEL,
R. C. HOLLAND.

This report was adopted, with two dissenting votes, those of Revs. A. L. Crouse and P. C. Wike, who requested their names to be recorded in the negative.

S. HENKEL,
HENRY A. MEETZ,
J. G. SCHAID,
J. I. MILLER,
A. L. CROUSE,
P. C. WIKE.

Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock next Monday morning.

## SIXTH SESSION.

Synod was opened with divine services, conducted by Rev. T. Moser.

The minutes of Saturday's sessions were received, corrected, and approved. The special order of business, for this morning, was called for, and the Report of Committee on Church Institutions, involving the matter for special consideration, was read, received, and considered. After protracted discussion, the following report was adopted:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

We, the undersigned Committee on Literary Institutions, beg leave to make the following report:

We have had placed in our hands Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College and the Report of the President of the Faculty.

Upon examination of the Report of the President of the Board of Trustees, we find that no action of the trustees in filling vacancies in the Board and Faculty (as appears from the Report of the President of the Faculty) in the interim of the sessions of Synod, has been submitted to this Synod for ratification or endorsement; therefore, we recommend that the Synod can now take no action in regard to the further fostering care of this institution.

J. A. RUDISILL,
R. H. CLINE,
J. A. CROMER.

The place for the next convention of Synod was considered, and it was decided to meet at St. Matthew's E. L. church, Shenandoah Co., Va. By the following resolution, the time for the next convention was fixed:

*Resolved*, That hereafter the E. L. Tennessee Synod meet regularly at 10 A. M. on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September of each year, and that this date shall not be changed except for very important and satisfactory reasons.

On motion, Trinity E. L. congregation, Culpeper Co., Va., was received by Synod, which ordered the name to be enrolled.

On motion, the recording secretary was ordered to furnish upon their application the President of Concordia College, Conover, N. C., and the President of the Board of Trustees of said institution, certified copies of their reports of 1892 to this body.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

Synod was called to order by the President, and opened by prayer, led by Rev. L. L. Lohr.

The Committee on Unfinished Business read the last item of its report. With reference to this item, there was no report, and the committee was continued. The report was adopted as a whole.

A motion prevailed to distribute the Minutes of the United Synod *pro rata*.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Tennessee Synod pay out of any moneys in his hands, not otherwise appropriated, all money now owing for the printing of the Minutes of sessions of the United Synod, held prior to 1892.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we recommend to all congregations about to adopt or change their constitutions, the constitution prepared by the North Carolina Conference of our Synod, and to be obtained of Rev. J. C. Moser, at one cent per copy. *

On motion, the President was empowered to appoint a committee on the support of aged and infirm ministers, to report at the next convention of Synod. The following are the committee: Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. G. Schaid, and J. F. Moser.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Rev. A. L. Crouse be the Theological Professor of this Synod.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, In looking over the country we find a great many congregations, where no Lutheran Sunday-schools are in operation; therefore be it

*Resolved*, By the E. L. Tennessee Synod, that it shall be the duty of every minister connected with same, diligently to teach the young on the Lord's day, or open and establish a Sunday-school in each and every congregation in his charge, and the Sunday-school be under his care and supervision, and as the general superintendent of the same, and whenever such school or schools are organized, they shall elect an assistant superintendent to manage the said school in his absence, and that the minister or general superintendent shall see that these schools

* Rev. J. C. Moser, Hickory, N. C., Treasurer of the North Carolina Conference of the E. L. Tennessee Synod.

are well supplied with good Lutheran literature, and that it be the duty of the minister whenever present, to give a Sunday-school lecture to the children.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we authorize the officers of this Synod to call a free conference of all the Lutheran pastors and ministers in the Southern States, for the purpose of discussing Lutheran doctrines and usages, to be held in Catawba County, N. C., at such point and time therein, as the officers aforesaid may designate, and that due and full notice be given of said conference in the papers, representing the different Lutheran bodies.

A motion prevailed to receive, as theological students, Arthur M. Pence, Cootes's Store, Va., and Benjamin F. Pence, Forestville, Va. The law of Synod, regulating the qualifications of young men entering as beneficiary students, was suspended in favor of the above named young men, and an appropriation of $100.00 was made for Mr. Arthur M. Pence, and $40.00 for Mr. Benjamin F. Pence. On motion, $100 00 were appropriated to beneficiary Mr. J. J. George. On motion, $75.00 were voted to beneficiary Mr. J. T. Craps. On motion, Synod voted $40.00 for Mr. J. L. Cromer. On motion, $85.00 were appropriated to Mr. S. S. Keisler. Synod ordered, by motion, to pay the foregoing appropriations to the beneficiaries *pro rata*, provided the funds will not meet the full amounts.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That hereafter the reports of class-standing and deportment of our beneficiaries and other theological students under care of Synod, be sent to the president of Synod by the head of the institution attended by them, and the president shall withhold the support given by Synod in case of failure on the part of the student to use it aright.

The Committee on Examination presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

### REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, the Examining Committee, have examined Messrs. Alfred R. Beck and Shadrack L. Nease, candidates for the Gospel ministry,

and regard them sufficiently qualified to enter into holy offices ; and, therefore, recommend that they be ordained, and that Rev. S. Henkel preach an ordination sermon at the proper hour.

S. HENKEL,
J. M. SMITH,
J. A. CROMER,
E. L. LYBRAND,
J. C. MOSER,
R. H. CLINE.

Notice was given by Rev. R. A. Yoder, that a resolution would be offered at this meeting of Synod, to abolish the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

The Committee on Treasurers' Reports read the following, which was received and adopted :

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURERS' REPORTS.**

We, your Committee on Treasurers' Reports, have examined said reports, and find that the Reports of Beneficiary Treasurers are attended with proper orders and vouchers.

Synodical Treasurer's Reports show a balance of $20.01 after paying for Minutes ; $6.80 for Foreign Missions, subject to order of Rev. J. A. Rudisill ; $20.09 for Church Extension Fund ; $10.62 for United Synod Minutes ; $1.72 for Alabama Mission. Total on hand, as per report, $59.24.

But we find in the hands of the Treasurer $79.51, making an overplus of $20.27.

We also find amount due Synod per Rev. Hausenfluck, $1.20 ; per Rev. R. H. Cline, $1.18. Total due, $2.38.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. DARR,
W. P. CLINE,
A. J. BECK.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of Treasurer and Secretary of Synod, be appointed to correspond with Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, former treasurer of Synod, with regard to the overplus in the treasury, and if any changes be made in the Treasurer's Report, incorporate the same in the Minutes.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

OCT. 4, 1892.

Minutes of yesterday's sessions were corrected and adopted. The Board of Missions read the following report, which was read, received, and adopted.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ALABAMA.—We are glad to state that our mission work in Alabama is as prosperous as can be expected under the circumstances. The future prospects of the Alabama Mission are very good, as we infer from the report of our missionary, who is in charge of this work. He writes us the following: Our people will come up to the requirement of Synod in regard to missionary funds as far as our membership extends, but since last year our losses have been greater than our gains. We have lost none at Jacksonville, and will gain by confirmation 4 or 5 this year. At St. Michael's have lost nothing and gained nothing, but have a class of some 12 or 15 to be confirmed toward the end of this year. At Anniston we have lost all but 4 or 5 male members by removals. At Tallapoosa, Ga., all have gone away but a few families. These removals were caused by depression in business, and will return again when business resumes which it is to be hoped will be soon. Our missionary writes that his services are encouraging. All the members attend and many others. These people say that they think they will, by the end of the year, pay off the missionary's salary, and that they will meet all the financial requirements of the church and the Synod. When we consider the closeness of the times, it is but fair to conclude that those people are doing very well.

The church at Jacksonville is not quite finished yet, and we have failed to meet our payment on the lot at Anniston this year. The Land Company being very kind, have agreed to wait until times improve. Our missionary visited Birmingham once this year. He thinks of going there next year as often as possible to see what can really be done at that place.

Rev. Sox would like to have a co-laborer in the mission field, if one can be secured, and proposes to give up for his benefit, St. Michael's and Zion, taking the new work at Tallapoosa, Anniston, and other points himself. Bro. Sox is doing all he can to advance the great and important work with which he is entrusted. He needs our prayers and words of encouragement. He needs his salary and must by all means have it. Let us do all we possibly can to pay it at an early day.

In regard to mission work in Virginia we are glad to be able to report considerable progress. Our work is prospering nicely in eastern Virginia under the care of Rev. P. C. Wike, Superintendent of Missions of the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod. At Brandy Station a suitable lot has been secured. It was donated by Mr. Daniel Wine. The deed has been recorded. Our brethren there contemplate building a church at that point in the near future. Rev. A. R. Beck, a young man of much promise, has located in the mission field, and is actively engaged in the work. At Midvale, in Rockbridge Co., Va., our mission is progressing encouragingly under the pastoral care of Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. They too contemplate building a new house of worship in the near future. We have at Midvale an organized congregation in good condition with good prospects of a rapid growth. They now worship in a school house, and would be very glad for aid in building. They own a lot upon which to build. At Broadway, Rockingham Co., Va., work has been begun. Matters pertaining to our cause at that place are rather encouraging. In and around the town there are twenty, perhaps more, Lutheran members who attend services regularly with considerable appreciation, and desire an organization in the town. These are the only places where actual missionary work has been done up to this time. Other places of importance and points of interest are being cared for by the Superintendent of Missions of the Virginia Conference. We are proud of our work in Virginia.

In South Carolina we learn that our mission interests are being carefully looked after. Such financial aid is being given to Mt. Tabor congregation by the South Carolina Conference of this Synod as enables said congregation to receive the means of grace regularly each month. We can report progress in South Carolina.

The North Carolina Conference has been doing some good mission work during the past year. The amount of contributions has not been as large as it should be, but has been sufficient to do the work in hand. It will, however, be necessary to increase it in order to carry on the necessary work of the Conference. The churches in Monroe and Statesville have been finished and are being paid for. While these have been the principal mission points others have not been neglected. No money has been appropriated to build churches or support missionaries elsewhere, but members of the Executive Committee and other pastors have done good work. Rev. J. A. Rudisill has organized two congregations which have this year been received into Synod. An organization has been effected at Taylorsville by Rev. D. J. Settlemyre. The promise of success at Lincolnton is good. Services are

regularly held there, and more interest is manifested. One of the theological students preaches regularly at Maiden, and is succeeding well, but no effort has yet been made to organize. Some other work has been done in this way, and especially at Morganton, where we hope to do effective work. It is the hope of the committee to be able to station a pastor in Morganton, and have him work up the mission there and serve our two congregations, Mt. Zion and Glen Alpine, which are in reality missions. The committee hopes to be able to organize a congregation soon and proceed to build a house of worship.

It is hoped that the pastors and congregations will increase their efforts, both in the general and special efforts, to build up our Church.

Personal contributions of money have increased.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
R. H. CLINE.

A paper, relating to the United Synod, was introduced, and, pending its discussion, Synod adjourned for the ordination services. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., from St. Mark 16 : 15, after which candidates for the ministry, Messrs. A. R. Beck and S. L. Nease, were ordained by the officers of Synod.

## NINTH SESSION.

OCT. 4, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was called to order, and the discussion of the pending paper, relative to the United Synod, was resumed, and the following was adopted :

WHEREAS, The action taken at the last meeting of the United Synod upon the Regulations for Work, does not meet the approbation of this Synod ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this body enters its protest against said action, and requests the United Synod to again consider and adopt the regulations as reported by the committee to the Savannah meeting, and that the secretary forward this action to the President of the United Synod.

By motion, Synod abolished the office of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report, which was received and adopted:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

MR. CHAIRMAN : We, your Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to submit the following report :

### NORTH CAROLINA.

Notwithstanding there has been some trouble within the borders of our territory in the old North State about educational matters, yet we are happy to report progress in church work. There are some vacant congregations, but nearly all of them have at least been partially supplied by different pastors under the direction of the Executive Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference. We regret to report that a few of our congregations have called pastors who are not in affiliation with our Synod, on which account, at least, in one of these congregations there has arisen some strife and confusion. We hope and pray this cause for trouble may soon be removed ; also, that our people may learn that such experiments are dangerous, and often far more productive of evil than good.

The work of missions has been prosecuted with vigor this year, both by the Mission Board of Conference and by individual pastors. Several new churches have been erected and new congregations organized. The people are growing in liberality, as will be shown by the reports of conference. Catechisation of the young has received due care and attention by most of the pastors. In education our people are making marked progress. The schools have an increased patronage this year. More attention should be given to parochial schools.

### ALABAMA.

In Alabama our missionary reports progress, but not so much as last year. Several reasons are alleged for the delay of the work in this portion of our territory. The pastor's salary has not been punctually paid neither by the people nor the Synod, for which reason he has not been able to prosecute the work. Also removals of some members from places where missions were being organized have operated against the work. The trouble about this mission field appears to be that Synod has so far failed to prosecute the work to that extent wherein it could be determined whether or not success could be achieved. In church work as in other business matters, often to spend just half enough money to carry on the enterprise successfully, is simply waste of what is spent.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

In South Carolina, we have reports from all the delegates and pastors at the fall meeting of conference, and from this and other sources, we gather the following:

That all the churches are regularly served by conscientious pastors, 'whose heart's desire and prayer to God is, that all may be saved' by accepting the Word in its integrity and a cheerful obedience.

It was a matter of regret to us to see one earnest worker leave our bounds; but since such was the case, we rejoice to know that it hath entered into the hearts of the people of one of the congregations to call its own pastor—the only such instance in the Synod.

The attendance upon the preached Word is, for the most part, gratifying; and commendable progress is being made in developing a more beneficent spirit among our people.

Sunday-schools are run in all the congregations, and the pastors and people are becoming more and more interested in the purity of the doctrines taught in the schools. Our annual Sunday-school conventions do much along this line.

In August, one of our congregations, Zion, celebrated its centennial, at which, we believe, there was much good done for the cause of our church.

Catechisation is occupying an important place in the material, moral, and spiritual development of our churches.

There is now nearing completion a very handsome and churchly edifice in Chapin. This and other points are receiving the careful attention of pastors, and are being served rather as mission points.

While we have reason to thank God for the harmony, liberality, and spirituality of our congregations in general, yet we have reason to pray for a still better state of things.

VIRGINIA.

The churches within the bounds of our conference are in the usual state of prosperity. There are, however, at this time, several vacant congregations. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt has resigned his pastorate in Page Co., Va., and accepted a call and removed to the State of Indiana.—There are two other congregations in Page vacant, but have been partially supplied by our brethren with ministerial services.

Two new churches have been dedicated to the services of God within the last year, one in New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va., and the other in Rockingham county. Some of the pastorates are not yet as conveniently districted as we would desire, yet an effort is being made to adjust to better convenience of both pastor and parishioner. Most of our churches are supplied with monthly services only, which to

some extent are retarding their progress, but scarcity of ministers and their inadequate support are the primal cause of this state of things. The Sunday-school in some of our churches has not received the proper attention that it should. A few of our congregations are doing nothing in this direction. Incompetency or want of proper qualification as a teacher is sometimes rendered as the reason of not engaging in this work. Would it not be well to recommend wherever possible the establishment of parochial schools, in order that our children might receive a more thorough religious education? It is true that our ministers devote as much time as they can conveniently spare to this time-honored practice of catechisation, but frequently the course of lectures is too short to make thorough work in this department. Incompetent teachers will soon drag out the life in any Sunday-school.

Our Virginia Conference is working faithfully in the interest of Home Missions. After a delay of some ten months after the resignation of Rev. J. S. Koiner, she secured the services of Rev. A. R. Beck, of North Carolina, who is operating in the Piedmont section of this State.

Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck has a mission station in Rockbridge Co., with prospects of erecting a church edifice in the near future. Our ministers are all faithfully engaged in our Master's work. Fraternal feelings prevail amongst us, and this feeling is reciprocated between pastors and flock.

May the great Head of the Church give us wisdom that we may more clearly see our several duties, and, by the assistance of his Holy Spirit, bring them in more active operation to the praise of his glorious name.

W. P. CLINE,
I. CONDER,
WM. L. DARR.

On motion, the Alabama Mission was placed in the hands of the Mission Board of this Synod, to investigate its needs, and make appropriations accordingly.

On motion, the Board of Missions was directed to pay all arrearages to the Alabama Missionary, Rev. D. A. Sox.

Revs. J. P. Stirewalt and R. H. Cline were appointed a committee to apportion to the pastors of Synod the amounts of funds each one is to raise during the ensuing synodical year.

## SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT.

| | Per Cent. | | Per Cent. |
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| J. R. Peterson | 1½ | J. S. Koiner | 1 |
| S. Henkel | 3½ | W. P. Cline | 1 |
| C. H. Bernheim | 3 | Geo. A. Romoser | 2 |
| J. M. Smith | 5 | D. A. Sox | 1 |
| J. I. Miller | 1½ | J. A. Rudisill | 6 |
| L. A. Bikle | 2 | J. F. Moser | 1½ |
| I. Conder | 1½ | R. H. Cline | 3½ |
| J. N. Stirewalt (vacant charge) | 5 | P. C. Wike | 4 |
| A. L. Crouse | 3 | J. P. Price | 2 |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 6 | W. L. Darr | 3 |
| J. C. Moser | 5 | D. I. Offman | 1 |
| L. L. Lohr | 4½ | J. P. Miller | 1 |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 4 | J. G. Schaid | 3 |
| J. K. Efird | 1 | J. L. Deaton | 3½ |
| J. A. Cromer | 4 | Jacob Wike | 3½ |
| E. L. Lybrand | 4½ | W. H. T. Dau | 2 |
| R. A. Yoder | 5 | S. L. Nease | 1 |

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Synod order its Treasurer to pay to Rev. A. L. Crouse the sum of $100.00 for his services as its Theological Professor for the coming synodical year.

On motion, the first item of the Report of the Committee on President's Report was considered, and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The absence of Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., was considered, and, on motion, he was not excused.

On motion, the following resolution of thanks was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby extended to this congregation, and the kind friends of this town and community, for the fraternal reception extended us, and for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our sojourn in their midst.

On motion, Synod dispensed with the reading of parochial reports, and ordered that they be placed into the hands of the Secretary.

On motion, Synod placed into the hands of Secretary and Treasurer the number of Minutes to be printed, and to provide for their distribution.

On motion, a certain letter from four of the ministers of the Ohio Synod was read in open Synod. Concerning the matter involved, the Synod could not now answer for want of time. On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at the place and time appointed. Divine services, led by the President. P. C. WIKE, REC. SEC.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael, Emmanuel.
CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas, Mt. Horeb, Holy Trinity.
RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew, Mt. Tabor.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.
ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh.
BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.
CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Trinity.
CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Mt. Gilead.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy, Mt. Olive.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin, St. John's.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon, Cedar Grove, and David's Chapel.

MECKLENBERG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin, Zion.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel, St. Luke.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel, St. Paul.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. William (Fairview), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

CULPEPER COUNTY.—Trinity.

Total, 114.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved 1.* That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to take up in each of his congregations collections for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod; and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

*Resolved 2.* That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

*Resolved 3.* That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved 4.* That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all of their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 5.* That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the Synodical year, to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 6.* That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved 7.* That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved 8.* That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved 9.* That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved 10.* That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our Min-

isters to ask their Congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved 11.* That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved 12.* That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved 13.* That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved 14.* That the chairmen of the Executive Committee of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the Missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved 15.* That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

*Resolved 16.* That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved 17.* That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and, if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved 18.* That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved 19.* That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 20.* That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

# PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| PASTORS. | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Rec'd by Letter. | Transfers. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday-Schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Per Centum. | Synodical Fund. | Conf. Missions. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. | Foreign Missions. |
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| J. R. Peterson | 1843 | 3 | 150 | 300 | . | 10 | 3 | . | 1 | 6 | . | 2 | 9 | 85 | . | $ 29 10 | . . | $ 250 00 | . . . | . . . |
| T. Moser | 1844 | . | . . | . . | . | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . | . . . |
| S. Henkel, D. D | 1850 | 2 | 269 | 475 | 4 | 15 | 9 | . | . | 9 | . | 1 | 7 | 83 | . | 23 00 | . . | . . | . . . | $10 94 |
| C. H. Bernheim | 1855 | 4 | 338 | . . | . | 35 | 23 | 5 | 1 | 9 | . | 3 | 15 | 125 | . | 6 05 | . . | 255 00 | 50 00 | . . . |
| J. M. Smith | 1856 | 3 | . . | . . | 1 | 48 | 46 | 3 | 2 | 15 | . | . | . | . | . | 1 70 | . . | 250 00 | . . . | . . . |
| J. I. Miller, D. D | 1858 | 1 | 81 | . . | 8 | . | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | . | 1 | 6 | . | . | 10 00 | . . | . . | . . . | 7 00 |
| L. A. Bikle, D. D | 1859 | 2 | 186 | 250 | . | 10 | 15 | . | 19 | . | . | 2 | 10 | 150 | . | 25 00 | . . | 375 00 | 20 00 | . . . |
| I. Conder | 1861 | 3 | 86 | 124 | 1 | 4 | 1 | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | 7 | 40 | . | 10 80 | . . | 100 00 | 3 00 | . . . |
| J. N. Stirewalt* | 1871 | 5 | 550 | 860 | 3 | 17 | 22 | . | . | 23 | . | 3 | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . | . . . |
| A. L. Crouse | 1871 | 2 | 310 | 594 | . | 23 | 6 | . | . | 9 | . | 2 | 16 | 210 | 3 | 58 45 | . . | 350 00 | 650 00 | . . . |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 1873 | 5 | 585 | 984 | 8 | 44 | 22 | 1 | . | 30 | . | 1 | 10 | 76 | 6 | 62 25 | $ 38 68 | 500 00 | . . . | . . . |
| J. C. Moser | 1873 | 2 | 375 | 650 | . | 40 | 21 | 19 | . | 7 | . | 3 | 30 | 320 | . | 62 50 | 62 50 | 650 00 | 125 00 | . . . |
| S. S. Rahn‡ | 1874 | . | . . | . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . | . . . |
| J. George Schaid | 1875 | 1 | 233 | 533 | . | 8 | 4 | . | 2 | 7 | . | 1 | 5 | 70 | . | 22 75 | . . | 361 00 | 28 00 | . . . |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 1877 | 4 | 250 | . . | 3 | 12 | 27 | . | . | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | 12 00 | . . | . . | . . . | . . . |
| J. K. Efird | 1877 | 3 | . . | . . | 2 | 9 | 7 | . | . | 7 | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . | . . . |
| J. A. Cromer | 1877 | 4 | 440 | 795 | . | 22 | 14 | . | 2 | 8 | . | 6 | 41 | 472 | . | 48 50 | . . | 300 00 | 100 00 | 15 00 |
| E. L. Lybrand | 1877 | 4 | 450 | 740 | . | 45 | 10 | 4 | . | 3 | . | 3 | 26 | 250 | . | 45 00 | . . | 350 00 | 50 00 | . . . |
| R. A. Yoder | 1877 | 3 | 402 | 722 | . | 19 | 4 | . | 8 | 4 | . | 1 | 6 | 85 | . | 85 00 | . . | 350 00 | 1000 00 | . . . |
| J. S. Koiner | 1881 | 1 | 39 | 80 | . | 4 | 1 | . | . | . | . | 1 | 4 | 20 | . | 10 00 | . . | 90 00 | . . . | . . . |
| W. P. Cline | 1881 | 1 | 24 | 37 | . | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | 3 | 15 | . | 42 40 | . . | 50 00 | . . . | . . . |
| D. A. Goodman | 1882 | 2 | 93 | 192 | 2 | 30 | 4 | . | . | 5 | . | 1 | 2 | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . | . . . |
| D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 | . | . . | . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . | . . . |
| D. A. Sox | 1883 | 3 | 60 | 108 | . | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | 2 | 9 | 75 | . | 6 00 | . . | 400 00 | 100 00 | . . . |
| J. A. Rudisill | 1883 | 5 | 685 | 1200 | 1 | 42 | 29 | 1 | 16 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 275 | . | 64 63 | . . | 350 00 | 800 00 | . . . |
| R. H. Cline | 1885 | 7 | 300 | 550 | 3 | 20 | 2 | . | . | 4 | . | 2 | 8 | 125 | 3½ | 20 00 | 30 00 | 400 00 | . . . | . . . |
| P. C. Wike | 1886 | 4 | 300 | 560 | 3 | 28 | 16 | 1 | . | 6 | . | 3 | 18 | 200 | . | 91 94 | . . | 450 00 | 300 00 | 2 50 |
| J. P. Price | 1888 | 3 | 147 | 357 | . | 10 | 3 | . | . | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 84 | . | 38 35 | . . | 310 00 | . . . | . . . |
| J. F. Moser | 1889 | 4 | 130 | 200 | . | 6 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 1 | . | 4 | 18 | 120 | . | 39 57 | . . | 500 00 | 500 00 | . . . |
| W. L. Darr | 1889 | 4 | 390 | 640 | . | 22 | 13 | . | 5 | 9 | . | 4 | 22 | 190 | . | 35 00 | . . | 350 00 | 96 00 | . . . |
| D. I. Offman | 1889 | 3 | 125 | 215 | . | 4 | 2 | . | . | 5 | . | 1 | 3 | 25 | . | 15 00 | . . | 300 00 | . . . | . . . |
| J. P. Miller | 1889 | 3 | 235 | 425 | . | 24 | 23 | . | . | 7 | . | . | . | . | . | 8 00 | 29 79 | . . | . . . | . . . |
| J. L. Deaton | 1891 | 2 | 160 | . . | . | 12 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 4 | . | 2 | 16 | 170 | . | 33 00 | . . | 400 00 | 350 00 | . . . |
| Jacob Wike | 1891 | 5 | 350 | 700 | . | 25 | 9 | . | . | 5 | . | 2 | 10 | 160 | . | . . | . . | 400 00 | . . . | . . . |
| L. L. Lohr | 1891 | 4 | 400 | . . | 6 | 48 | 27 | 12 | 1 | 12 | . | 2 | . | . | . | 43 44 | . . | . . | . . . | . . . |
| A. R. Beck | 1892 | 2 | 26 | 60 | . | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | 350 00 | 6 00 | . . . |
| S. L. Nease | 1892 | 2 | 278 | 503 | 1 | 11 | . | 3 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 135 | . | 16 00 | 52 00 | 250 00 | . . . | . . . |
| W. H. T. Dau† | . . | 2 | 130 | 325 | . | 4 | 3 | . | . | 2 | . | 1 | 6 | 100 | . | 80 00 | . . | 275 00 | . . . | . . . |
| Geo. A. Romoser† | . . | 2 | 268 | 450 | . | 10 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . | . . . |
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# MINUTES

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## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

St. John's Church, (Broad River), Lexington Co., S. C., the place chosen, and Saturday, 10 A. M., before the fourth Sunday in September, 1894, as the time.

# MINUTES

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## FIRST SESSION.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.,
SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 1893.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in regular session with Emmanuel congregation, New Market, Va., at 11 A. M., September 23, 1893. The President, Rev. A. L. Crouse, preached the opening sermon from Phil. 1, 27, 28. The clerical roll was called, and the pastors present were enrolled. On certificate of their election, the delegates present were enrolled.

### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

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| Rev. J. R. Peterson* | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser* | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D. | New Market, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim* | Lexington, N. C. |
| " J. M. Smith* | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D.† | King's Mountain, N. C. |
| " I. Conder | McGaheysville, Va. |
| " J. N. Stirewalt‡ | Luray, Va. |
| " Prof. A. L. Crouse | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. P. Stirewalt | New Market, Va. |
| " Prof. J. C. Moser | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. A. Cromer | Columbia, S. C. |
| " Prof. E. L. Lybrand* | Summit Point, S. C. |
| " Prof. R. A. Yoder* | Hickory, N. C. |

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.
‡Recently transferred to this Synod from the Indiana Synod.

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| Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner | Ladd, Va. |
| " D. A. Sox* | Edwardsville, Ala. |
| " D. A. Goodman† | Connelly Springs, N. C. |
| " J. W. Hausenfluck | Rockingham, Va. |
| " Prof. W. P. Cline | Hickory, N. C. |
| " D. J. Settlemyre† | China Grove, N. C. |
| " J. A. Rudisill | Henry, N. C. |
| " Prof. R. H. Cline | New Market, Va. |
| " P. C. Wike | Tom's Brook, Va. |
| " D. C. Huffman* | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. G. Schaid | Chapin, S. C. |
| " J. P. Price* | Concord, N. C. |
| " J. F. Moser* | Monroe, N. C. |
| " W. L. Darr | Chapin, S. C. |
| " D. I. Offman* | Julian, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. P. Miller* | Hickory, N. C. |
| " Jacob Wike | Ilex, N. C. |
| " L. L. Lohr* | Dallas, N. C. |
| " A. R. Beck* | Ilex, N. C. |
| " S. L. Nease | Little Mountain, S. C. |
| " A. L. Boliek | Orkney Springs, Va. |
| " F. C. Oberly | Luray, Va. |
| " G. E. Long | Taylorsville, N. C. |
| " J. C. Wessinger | Bristoe, Va. |
| " J. J. George | Cherryville, N. C. |

## CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

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| R. L. Fritz | Hickory, N. C. |
| Wm. H. Roof | Columbia, S. C. |
| Francis K. Roof | Columbia, S. C. |
| H. Julian Mathias | Lexington, S. C. |
| J. T. Craps | Lewiedale, S. C. |
| J. Allen Arnt | Arnt, N. C. |
| E. J. Sox | Hickory, N. C. |
| Cephas K. Lippard | Statesville, N. C. |

## BENEFICIARIES.

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| S. S. Kesler | Ops, Ark. |
| J. L. Cromer | Columbia, S. C. |
| Benjamin F. Pence | Forestville, Va. |
| E. J. Sox | Hickory, N. C. |

* Absent and excused. † Absent and not excused.

## LAY-DELEGATES.

James McRee—St. James's and Grace, Catawba Co., N. C.; Salem, Lincoln Co., N. C.

G. E. Long—Friendship, Salem, Alexander Co., N. C.

Aaron Shutters—Bethany (St. Jacob's), Rockingham Co., Va.

A. J. Welfley—St. Peter's, Page Co., Va.

Solon M. Bowman—Rader's, Rockingham Co., Va.

Henry Wittig—Bethel, Rockingham Co., Va.

J. C. Wessinger—Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, St. Thomas, Lexington Co., S. C.

A. E. Strole—St. Paul's, Page Co., Va.

W. L. Huffman—St. Luke's, Page Co., Va.

J. D. Printz—Mt. Calvary, Page Co., Va.

Jacob Hockman—St. Mark's, Page Co., Va.

Gideon Koiner—Emmanuel, Shenandoah Co., Va.

H. K. Flemings, Mt. Zion, Shenandoah Co., Va.

George Minnick—Solomon's, Shenandoah Co., Va.

Milton Pence—St. Mary's (Pine), Shenandoah Co., Va.

John H. Moomaw—Powder Springs, Shenandoah Co., Va.

William Orndorff—St. Stephen's, Shenandoah Co., Va.

Philip Chrisman—Morning Star, Shenandoah Co., Va.

Pierce Leapheart—Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, St. James's, Mt. Tabor, S. C.

Solomon L. Miller—Morning Star, Page Co., Va.

H. H. Armentrout—Trinity, Rockingham Co., Va.

John P. Foltz—St. Paul's, Rockingham Co., Va.

The President, Rev. A. L. Crouse, read his annual report, which was referred to a committee yet to be appointed.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—The time for the reassembling of our Synod is at hand, and by the providence of our kind Father in heaven some of us are here present to do those things which the Master requires. God has extended the lives of all our ministers. Nearly all of them are actively engaged in the work, and doubtless are doing it as well as they can. Now that we are here to manage the affairs of our part of the Church let us proceed in humility and godly fear to the discharge of our duty.

### OFFICIAL ACTS.

Shortly after the adjournment of Synod last year, I issued an order upon our Treasurer to pay Messrs. Henkel & Co., the amount neces-

sary to print and distribute the Minutes. October 13, 1892, I issued an order upon the Treasurer to pay to beneficiaries, on appropriations of Synod, as follows: To J. J. George, $50; S. S. Keisler, $35; J. T. Craps, $35. November 1, 1892, I issued an order in favor of the Alabama Missionary for $100, and in favor of our Theological Professor for $50. Orders were issued as follows: November 9, 1892, to Arthur M. Pence for $45; to Benjamin F. Pence for $20; December 10, 1892, to S. S. Keisler for $11; ———, 1892, to Rev. D. A. Sox for $100; March 18, 1893, to same for $74; April, 1893, to J. L. Cromer for $20; May 12, 1893, to Rev. D. A. Sox for $75; to J. J. George for $50; to S. S. Keisler, $39; to J. T. Craps for $40; to B. F. Pence for $20; to J. L. Cromer for $20; July 7, 1893, to Rev. D. A. Sox for $75.

I submit, with this report, the reports of these students sent me by the schools which they have attended, and recommend that they be placed into the hands of the Examining Committee. I also submit, with the same recommendation, two letters from Mr. Geo. A. Riser, of Tupelo, Miss., who asks aid from our Synod to prepare himself for the ministry. I likewise submit a paper forwarded to me by Concordia congregation, Conover, N. C., and recommend that it be placed into the hands of the Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Some time during the summer of this year, the exact date having been mislaid, I granted, upon his request, a letter of dismission to Rev. J. L. Deaton from this Synod to the Synod of the Northwest, subject to the action of this Synod. I ask Synod to take the necessary action concerning it.

August 24, 1892, I received a notification from St. Matthew's congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., that it could not receive and entertain the members of Synod at the time appointed for this meeting. Shortly afterward, I received an invitation from Emmanuel congregation, New Market, Va., to hold this meeting in its church, and I issued an order changing the place of meeting from the former to the latter place.

### INSTALLATIONS.

During the year I have received two requests to hold installation services. The first Sunday in May, 1893, I installed Rev. D. J. Settlemyre as pastor of Mt. Moriah and St. Mark congregations, in Rowan Co., N. C., from which he had received a regular call. The request to install Rev. Jacob Wike in the Davidson, N. C., pastorate has not yet been complied with, and now descends to my successor.

### RESIGNATIONS AND CALLS.

Information concerning some of these to be mentioned has not come through regular notification, and a few may have taken place which

have not come to my knowledge. I do not therefore attempt to give dates.

Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., has resigned Philadelphia congregation, Gaston Co., N. C., and Rev. J. R. Peterson has received and accepted a call as his successor.

I have resigned Mt. Olive congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., and Rev. W. P. Cline has received and accepted a call as my successor.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim has resigned Philadelphia congregation, Caldwell Co., N. C., and St. Timothy and St. John congregations, Catawba Co., N. C., and Rev. J. C. Moser has received and accepted a call from Philadelphia, and Rev. J. P. Miller has received and accepted a call from St. Timothy.

Rev. D. J. Settlemyre has received and accepted a call from St. Mark and Mt. Moriah, Rowan Co., N. C.

Rev. R. H. Cline has resigned Bethel, Rockingham Co., and Powder Springs and St. Jacob's, Shenandoah Co., Va., and accepted a call from St. Paul and St. Luke congregations, Page Co., Va. Rev. J. P. Stirewalt has resigned Morning Star congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va. This one and the three made vacant by the resignation of Rev. R. H. Cline, have extended a call to Rev. A. L. Bolick, who has accepted.

Rev. J. S. Koiner has resigned Mt. Nebo congregation, Madison Co., Va.

Rev. A. R. Beck has resigned the East Virginia Mission and become the assistant of Rev. Jacob Wike in the Davidson, N. C., pastorate. Mr. J. C. Wessinger has received and accepted a call as his successor.

Rev. E. H. Kohn has received a call as pastor of St. Mark congregation, Luray, Va., and Rev. J. N. Stirewalt has received and accepted a call to his former charge in Page Co., Va.

Rev. L. L. Lohr has resigned St. John, St. Mark, Antioch, and Lutheran Chapel congregations, Gaston Co., N. C., and St. John and St. Mark congregations have extended a call to Mr. John J. George, which he has accepted.

Mr. G. Edward Long has received and accepted a call from Friendship, Salem, and St. Paul's congregations, Alexander Co., N. C.

Rev. Prof. S. S. Rahn has received and accepted a call from Lutheran Chapel and Antioch congregations, Gaston Co., N. C.

I have received and accepted a call from St. Andrew congregation, Hickory, N. C.

Synod will be petitioned, by their respective congregations, to examine and ordain Messrs. J. C. Wessinger, G. E. Long, and J. J. George, at this meeting.

NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Two new congregations, St. Andrew, Hickory, N. C., and St. Paul, Taylorsville, N. C., have been organized during the past synodical year.

DEDICATIONS.

A new church, built by the Bethphage congregation, Rev. J. A. Rudisill, pastor, Lincoln Co., N. C., was dedicated October 10, 1892.

A remodeled church, belonging to St. Martin congregation, Stanley Co., N. C., Rev. J. P. Price, pastor, was dedicated the 5th Sunday in July, 1893. A new church at Chapin, S. C., Rev. W. L. Darr, pastor, was dedicated in June, 1893. The new church built by the St. Thomas congregation, South Carolina, has lately been dedicated. A new church built by St. Luke's congregation, Page Co., Va., was dedicated the 3d Sunday of September, 1893.

And now, brethren, I return to you the charge committed to my trust, praying our dear Father in heaven to forgive my mistakes and bless our work.

A. L. CROUSE,
PRESIDENT E. L. TENN. SYNOD.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected:

Rev. I. Conder, President.
Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Recording Secretary.
Rev. J. C. Moser, Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Treasurer.

Revs. J. S. Koiner and S. S. Rahn were appointed by the President to classify all papers addressed to Synod.

The President appointed the following committees:

## COMMITTEES.

1. *On the State of the Church.*—Revs. P. C. Wike, W. P. Cline, and Jacob Wike.

2. *On Examination.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., J. S. Koiner, J. C. Moser, W. P. Cline, J. A. Cromer, and E. L. Lybrand.

3 *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. J. George, and Mr. A. Shutters.

4. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev. J. C. Moser and Gideon Koiner.

5. *On President's Report.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. P. Stirewalt.

6. *On Church Institutions.*—Revs. P. C. Wike, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. Henry Wittig.

On motion, the hours were fixed for business transactions of Synod from 9 o'clock to 11 A. M., and from 2 to half past 4 P. M.

Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning, 9 A. M. Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. A. Rudisill.

## SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPT. 25, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, and divine services were conducted by Rev. J. S. Koiner.

The minutes were received and adopted.

Revs. J. H. Rexrode of the Concordia District of the Ohio Synod, W. H. Cone of the North Carolina Synod, and F. C. Oberly of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, being present, were invited to seats within the Synod as advisory members.

Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., was excused from further attendance at this convention of Synod

The following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the item on page 33 of the Minutes of 1892, not excusing Rev. J. I. Miller, be rescinded, inasmuch as it appears he sent a valid excuse which was overlooked or mislaid by Synod.

Rev. J. C. Moser, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, read the following report :

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

(1) On page 9, we find the president recommends, and on page 20 Synod approves the recommendation, that such congregations as are able to do so, establish parochial schools. Have our pastors made any efforts in this direction ?

(2) On page 17 of Minutes 1892, in item 1 of the Report of Committee on Unfinished Business, we learn of a committee, Revs. J. S. Koi-

ner and J. I. Miller, D. D., on Church Extension. In the consideration of said item we see, furthermore, that said committee was not discharged; we, therefore, call for their report.

(3) On page 18, the action taken on item 2 of Report on Unfinished Business defers for one year the consideration of the Course of Study for Students of Theology. The limit has expired. Is Synod ready to consider the matter?

(4) Also, on page 24, a resolution was adopted, directing the treasurer of Synod to pay all money now owing for the printing of the Minutes of sessions of the United Synod held prior to 1892. Has that been complied with?

(5) On page 24, we find the following, Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. G. Schaid, and J. F. Moser, were appointed a committee on the Support of Aged and Infirm Ministers, and directed to report at this convention of Synod. Are they ready to report?

(6) On page 24, we find a resolution concerning Sunday-schools enjoining special duties upon the pastors of this Synod. Have our pastors been endeavoring to comply with the duties embraced in that resolution?

(7) On page 25 stands a resolution authorizing the officers of Synod to call a free conference of all Lutheran pastors and ministers in the Southern States for the purpose of discussing Lutheran doctrines and usages. Was this done?

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,
G. KOINER.

The report was received and considered by items.

Relative to item one, something has been done.

Item 2. Committed, not ready to report. The following action was taken: That this committee be continued with instructions to formulate a plan for Church Extension, and report at the next meeting of this Synod.

Item 3. With reference to this item, a motion prevailed that the following Course of Theology, recommended by the Committee at Convention of Synod of the year 1891, be adopted, and published in the Minutes of this session:

## COURSE IN THEOLOGY.

### I. FIRST PART.

1. Horne's Introduction.
2. Weidner's Encyclopædia.

3. Harper and Weidner's Introductory New Testament Greek Method.
4. Greek New Testament, with
5. Bengel's Gnomon.
6. Oehler's Old Testament Theology.

II. SECOND PART.

1. Kurtz's Sacred History.
2. Kurtz's Church History.

III. THIRD PART.

1. Book of Concord.
2. Krauth's Conservative Reformation.
3. Weidner's Introduction to Dogmatic Theology.
4. Schmid's Dogmatics.
5. Martensen's Christian Ethics.

IV. FOURTH PART.

1. Horn's Evangelical Pastor.
2. Hoppin's Homiletics.
3. Van Oestersee's Practical Theology.

Attention should be given to Church Polity. Hagenbach's History of Doctrine is recommended.

Item 4. Pending the consideration of this item, Synod adjourned for divine service.

Benediction by the President.

## THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY. SEPTEMBER 25, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. The roll was called.

Item 4 was further considered, and found to be complied with.

Item 5. Action was deferred.

Item 6. By motion, the pastors made statements concerning this work, which showed the item to be complied with as nearly as possible.

Item 7. Not complied with.

Rev. A. L. Crouse was permitted to make statements in regard to his pamphlet on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Synod is pleased to learn of the appearance of a pamphlet, by Rev. Prof. A. L. Crouse, on the subject of Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, and ask the attention of all our pastors to the same.

The Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was taken up and considered by items.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, submit the following:

CLASS I.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, in Hickory, N. C., which has been regularly organized, and which has adopted the constitution recommended by this Synod, praying to be received by this Synod into her connection. We recommend that this congregation be received, and that its name be placed upon our congregational roll.

No. 2 is a petition from Mr. George A. Riser, of Tupelo, Mississippi, addressed to the President of Synod, in which he expresses his earnest desire to study and prepare himself for the Gospel ministry in this Synod. He refers Synod to his pastor, Rev. S. L. Nease, and other members of his congregations viz., St. John's, Lexington Co., S. C., as to his character, &c. He is 28 years of age, and is willing to go to any college we may designate. He asks for money to pay his tuition, &c., but does not specify any amount. We recommend that he be referred to the members of the Examining Committee in North Carolina.

No. 3 is a petition from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., signed by thirty-seven of her members, in which they state "that a number of their members have called Rev. W. H. T. Dau, of the Missouri Synod, as pastor. That the said W. H. T. Dau has not connected himself with our Synod, and has served a congregation as its pastor for about eighteen months, and will not promise to connect himself with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and even denounces our pastors as un-Lutheran. We being loyal to the Tennessee Synod, the Synod of our fathers, cannot, under the circumstances, conscientiously worship with the said W. H. T. Dau, nor regard him as our pastor. We therefore ask you to advise us what to do under these sad conditions?" We recommend that this matter be referred to the North Carolina Conference of this Synod.

No. 4 is a petition from a newly organized congregation in Taylorsville, N. C., in which they state that they have adopted the constitution recommended by the North Carolina Conference of our Synod. They desire to be received into connection with this "body, and to be enrolled as a member of the Tennessee Synod." We recommend that they be received, and the name of the congregation be properly enrolled.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. Prof. F. V. N. Painter, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the South View Orphans' Home, in which he states that the "committee hopes this body will see its way clear to devise liberal measures for its support. The amount apportioned by the United Synod's committee to the Tennessee Synod, is $500.00." He says further, "the Synod should either assume this amount and provide a way to raise it, or it should refuse to do so, and thus show what is to be counted on." He sends a report of the Home, which it might be well to read before this Synod. We recommend that we assume the amount apportioned to this Synod, and that we make an effort to raise said amount.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. J. K. Efird, in which he asks Synod to excuse him from attending this convention of our Synod, because of distance and the want of means to pay traveling expenses. He also asks for an honorable dismissal from this Synod to enable him to apply for admission into the "English of the Northwest Synod." We recommend that both of his requests be granted.

No. 7 is a letter from Rev. J. P. Price, in which he asks to be excused from attending this convention of Synod, because of the want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, in which he also asks to be excused from attending this convention of Synod, because it convenes when he is "in the very midst of moving" from Conover, N. C., to Lexington, N. C. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, stating that on account of recent "great storms and floods, times are too close as to money" for him to attend Synod this year. He therefore asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. D. I. Offman, in which he "regrets very much that he cannot be present at this Synod, because money is too scarce." He asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. W. H. T. Dau, in which he says that "Concordia congregation, at Conover, N. C., has failed to raise the Synodical apportionment of 2 per cent.;" that "a series of resolutions which Concordia congregation passed, with a view to explain

why she has stood aloof from the work of Synod, are forwarded to Synod." We infer that these resolutions have been forwarded to this body, but they have not passed into the hands of your committee, and, therefore, as the said Concordia congregation earnestly solicits, we cannot now direct your attention to them. We infer that they have reference to The Four Points.

No. 12 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, stating that he is prevented from attending this meeting of our Synod, "in consequence of bodily infirmity." He asks Synod to excuse his absence. We recommend that his request be granted.

No. 13 is a letter from Rev. E. L. Lybrand, in which he assigns sickness in his family as a reason for his not attending this meeting of Synod. In view of these circumstances, we recommend that he should be excused.

No. 14 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. P. Miller, of Lenoir College, stating that the Faculty of that institution think it best for not more than two to be absent from that school; and asks that he be excused from this meeting of Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 15 is an excuse from Rev. J. F. Moser. He assigns sickness in his family and scarcity of money as reasons for his absence, and begs Synod to excuse him. We deem these reasons sufficient for Synod to grant his request.

No. 16 is a petition from Grace E. L. Church, Lewiedale, S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor. This petition is signed by the officers of Grace congregation, and the petitioners say that this congregation was organized under the name of Grace congregation; that they have called Rev. J. A. Cromer as their pastor; that they have subscribed to the constitution of our Synod, and ask for admittance into our Synod. We recommend that their request be granted, and that the name of Grace congregation be placed on our synodical roll.

No. 17 is a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, of Alabama, in which he states that he is sorry that he can not be present at this meeting of Synod; that the pecuniary outlay for railroad fare is too great for him just now. We recommend that Rev. Sox be excused.

No. 18 is a letter of honorable dismissal of Rev. F. C. Oberly, a member of the E. L. Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, to this Synod. We recommend that Rev. Oberly appear before the Committee on Examination, and that this committee make a final report on this matter.

No. 19 is Rev. L. L. Lohr's excuse of absence from the meeting of this Synod. He gives as his excuse, that he is now prosecuting his studies in Gettysburg Theological Seminary. In view of this, and also of the fact that Rev. Lohr is not now actively engaged in pastoral

work in our Synod, it is the opinion of your committee that he be excused.

No. 20 is a letter of honorable dismissal of Rev. A. L. Boliek of the Indiana Synod of the E. L. church to this Synod. We recommend that Rev. Boliek appear before the Committee on Examination, as is the usual custom of this Synod.

No. 21 is a petition from Bethel congregation, Prince William county, and Trinity congregation, Culpeper Co., Va., praying for the examination and ordination of Mr. J. C. Wessinger, having called him as pastor. We recommend that the requests of these congregations be granted.

No. 22 is a petition of similar import from Friendship, Salem, and St. Paul congregations, Alexander Co., N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of Mr. G. E. Long, having called him to the office of pastor. We recommend that this request be granted.

No. 23 is a petition from St. John's congregation, Cherryville, N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of Mr. J. J. George, having called him as pastor. We recommend that this request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. J. GEORGE,
AARON SHUTTERS.

Item 1. Sustained.

Item 2. Action deferred.

Item 3. Answered by resolution as follows :

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate that matter, and give the petitioners such advice as they may deem proper.

*The Committee*—Revs. J. C. Moser, R. A. Yoder, and J. P. Miller.

The following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, Some trouble and irregularities threaten some of the churches connected with this Synod, because of preachers of other religious societies,

*Resolved*, That we earnestly advise all congregations and people in connection with this Synod, to avoid pastors not in connection with this Synod, except such as are recommended by this Synod or by its President.

On motion, Synod adjourned. Prayer and benediction by Rev. Jacob Wike.

## FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 9 A. M.

Synod convened. Religious services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck.

Minutes were approved.

The Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was further considered.

Item 4. Sustained.

Relative to item 5, the following resolution was offered:

*Resolved*, That this Synod is not, as a Synod, in position to co-operate with the United Synod in any general church work, but still we commend this charity to the attention of our churches.

Synod adjourned for divine service.

## FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2 P. M.

Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod of the South, being present, was received as an advisory member.

By the request of Rev. Probst, Synod granted him the permission to present the Mission cause tomorrow, at 10.15 A. M.

The Report on Letters and Petitions was again taken up for consideration.

Item 6. Sustained.
Item 7. Sustained.
Item 8. Sustained.
Item 9. Sustained.
Item 10. Sustained.
Item 11. No action necessary.
Item 12. Sustained.
Item 13. Sustained.
Item 14. Sustained.
Item 15. Sustained.

Item 16. Sustained.
Item 17. Sustained.
Item 18. Sustained.
Item 19. Sustained.
Item 20. Sustained.
Item 21. Sustained.
Item 22. Sustained.
Item 23. Sustained.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Examination, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Chairman, submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

We the committee, to hold a colloquium with Revs. A. L. Boliek and F. C. Oberly, who had regular transfers from their respective synods to our Synod, are satisfied that they occupy the position and spirit of our Synod in regard to doctrine and practice; and, hence, we recommend, that they be received into our Synod, with all the rights and privileges of the other ministers of same, and that their names be placed on our ministerial roll.

S. HENKEL,
J. A. CROMER,
J. C. MOSER.

On motion, the resolution on page 23 of Minutes for 1892, fixing the time for the annual conventions of Synod, was rescinded.

The Committee on Examination submitted their report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Examination, submit the following. We examined the following candidates for ordination: J. J. George, J. C. Wessinger, and G. E. Long, rather thoroughly. In our opinion, they sustained a commendable examination. Hence, we recommend, that they be ordained to the office of the ministry, according to the custom of the Church, having proper calls from a congregation or congregations, desiring their services as ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
J. S. KOINER,
W. P. CLINE,
J. A. CROMER,
J. C. MOSER.

The time for ordination sermon was fixed for Wednnsday, 11 A. M.

The Treasurer read the following report, which was referred to the committee:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. PAUL STIREWALT, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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| Aug. | 16. | To amt. rec'd of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, former Treasurer | $40 29 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. G. Schaid, part of 2 per cent. from St. Peter's (P. W.) church, Lexington Co., S. C | 20 00 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of W. C. Crowell, for St. Luke's church, Monroe, Union Co., N. C | 5 00 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Summit, Lexington Co., S. C., for Cedar Grove church | 19 00 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. E. L. Lybrand, for St. Paul's church, Lexington Co., S. C. | 8 05 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. E. L. Lybrand, for St. James's church, Lexington Co., S. C | 2 75 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. E. L. Lybrand, for Mt. Tabor church, Richland Co., S. C. | 2 00 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. W. L. Darr's pastorate, Lexington Co., S. C. | 27 00 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. L. L. Lohr's pastorate, Gaston Co., N. C | 30 00 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. L. Deaton's pastorate, Rowan Co., N. C. | 13 00 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. R. Peterson's pastorate, in North Carolina, for Beneficiary Education | 12 05 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. R. Peterson, Dallas, N. C., for Minutes | 3 00 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of W. T. Houston, for Morning Star church, Mecklenburg Co., N. C. | 5 00 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Stephen A. Yount, Hickory, N. C., for Minutes | 90 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of M. E. Ekard, Hickory, N. C., for Minutes | 2 60 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. P. C. Wike, Tom's Brook, Va., for Minutes | 5 00 |

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| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of C. M. Wagoner, Troutman's, N. C., for Minutes | $ 1 40 |
| Sept. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, New Market, Va., for Minutes | 6 80 |
| Oct. | 1. | To cash rec'd of Rev. S. L. Nease, for St. John's church, Lexington Co., S. C | 15 00 |
| Oct. | 1. | To cash rec'd of P. M. Houser, Reepsville, N. C., for Bethphage church, per Rev. J. A. Rudisill | 9 75 |
| Oct. | 1. | To cash rec'd of David Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., for Daniel's church, per Rev. J. A. Rudisill | 20 24 |
| Oct. | 1. | To cash rec'd of J. F. Leonard, Henry, N. C., for Trinity church, per Rev. J. A. Rudisill | 11 12 |
| Oct. | 1. | To cash rec'd of David Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., for Minutes | 3 00 |
| Oct. | 1. | To cash rec'd of L. H. Link, Granite Falls, N. C., for Minutes for Philadelphia church | 1 50 |
| Oct. | 3. | To cash rec'd of Rev. D. I. Offman's pastorate, in North Carolina | 15 00 |
| Oct. | 3. | To cash rec'd of Rev. L. L. Lohr's pastorate, in North Carolina | 4 44 |
| Oct. | 3. | To cash rec'd of St. Martin's church, Cabarrus Co., N. C., Rev. J. P. Price, pastor | 8 00 |
| Oct | 3. | To cash rec'd of Mt. Gilead church, Cabarrus Co., N. C., Rev. J. P. Price, pastor | 5 00 |
| Oct. | 3. | To cash rec'd of St. Martin's church, Stanley Co, N. C., Rev. J. P. Price, pastor | 5 40 |
| Oct. | 3. | To cash rec'd of James T. Miller, Conover, N. C., for St. Timothy church, for Minutes | 2 50 |
| Oct. | 3. | To cash rec'd of R. A. Costner, for Minutes to be sent to Rev. Yoder | 2 00 |
| Oct. | 3. | To cash rec'd of Silas Wike, for Minutes to be sent to Rev. Bernheim | 2 05 |
| Oct. | 3. | To cash rec'd of N. C. Robinett, for Minutes to be sent to Rev. D. A. Goodman | 20 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Emmanuel's church, Lexington Co., S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor | 6 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrew's church, Richland Co., S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor | 4 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Winguard's schoolhouse, Lexington Co., S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor | 4 00 |

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| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Zion church, Lexington Co., S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor . . . . . | $20 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Rev. L. L. Lohr, for Ordination Certificate . . . . . | 25 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Rev. Jacob Wike, for Ordination Certificate . . . . . | 25 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Mt. Olive congregation, Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of A. J. Beck, from New Jerusalem congregation, Davidson Co., N. C . . . . . | 2 60 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Mt. Pleasant church, Watauga Co., N. C., per Rev. Jacob Wike . . . . . | 2 22 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Rev. Jacob Wike's pastorate . | 2 85 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Holy Trinity church, Hickory, N. C., Rev. J. C. Moser, pastor . . . . . | 29 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Zion church, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. J. C. Moser, pastor . . . . . | 17 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd from Newton congregation, Newton, N. C., Rev. J. C. Moser, pastor . . . . . | 6 50 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Jacob Townsend, Foscoe, N. C., for Minutes . . . . . | 10 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. M. Smith, Conover, N. C., for Minutes . . . . . | 1 70 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Rev. Prof. W. H. T. Dau, Conover, N. C., for Minutes . . . . . | 2 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Henry Setzer, Abernathy, Iredell Co., N. C., for Minutes. . . . . | 80 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, bal. as per his last year's report as Treas. Bene. Fund. | 20 86 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of St. Matthew church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of St. Paul's church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor . . . . . | 7 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Mt. Calvary church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor . . . . | 3 00 |
| Oct. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Miss Maria C. Stirewalt, New Market, Va., personal, for Bene. Education . . | 2 00 |
| Oct. | 13. | To cash rec'd of Rev. S. L. Nease for Ord. Cert. | 25 |
| Oct. | 13. | To cash rec'd of Rev. A. R. Beck for Ord. Cert. | 25 |
| Oct. | 13. | To cash rec'd of A. N. Boland for Minutes sent to Rev. Nease . . . . . | 1 00 |
| Oct. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Rev. I. Conder's pastorate . . . | 1 80 |
| Oct. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Rev. I. Conder for Minutes . . | 2 00 |

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| Nov. | 1. | To cash rec'd of Rev. A. R. Beck, Bristoe, Va., for Minutes | $ 1 00 |
| Nov. | 28. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. S. Koiner, Waynesboro, Va., for Minutes | 50 |
| Dec. | 10. | To cash rec'd of John D. Printz, Stony Man, Va., for Minutes | 1 00 |
| Dec. | 22. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen's ch., Shen. Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor, for Bene. Fund | 3 00 |
| Dec. | 22. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen's ch., Shen. Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor, for Synod. Fund | 1 00 |
| Dec. | 26. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen's ch., Catawba Co., N. C., from former Treas., Rev. R. A. Yoder, per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 7 00 |
| Dec. | 26. | To cash rec'd of Shiloh ch., Alexander Co., N. C., Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor, per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 26. | To cash rec'd of Sardis ch., Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor, per Rev. A. L. Crouse | 3 51 |
| 1893. | | | |
| Jan. | 14. | To cash rec'd of St. James cong., Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. R. A. Yoder, pastor | 15 00 |
| Jan. | 14. | To cash rec'd of Grace cong., Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. R. A. Yoder, pastor | 11 00 |
| Jan. | 14. | To cash rec'd of Salem cong., Alexander Co., N. C., Rev. R. A. Yoder, pastor | 4 00 |
| Jan. | 23. | To cash rec'd of C. M. Efird, Lexington, S. C., for 69 copies U. S. Min., session '92, Knoxville | 6 90 |
| Feb. | 8. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen's congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor | 7 40 |
| Feb. | 8. | To cash rec'd of Mt. Olive congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor | 1 50 |
| Feb. | 13. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, for Minutes of 1891 | 1 20 |
| Feb. | 18. | To cash rec'd of Rev. Prof. Charles A. Hay, D. D., for Minutes of Synod of 1892 | 10 |
| Feb. | 21. | To cash rec'd of J. W. Summer, Hope's, Lexington Co., S. C., for Minutes of 1892 | 10 |
| Mar. | 9. | To cash rec'd of A. J. Beck, Cid, N. C., for Minutes of 1892 | 10 |
| Mar. | 27. | To cash rec'd of Rev. C. F. J. Johanning, Long View, Illinois, for Minutes of 1892 | 10 |
| April | 2. | To cash rec'd of Rev. S. Henkel, New Market, Va., part of his Apportionment | 23 00 |

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| April | 5. | To cash rec'd of the Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Lexington Co., S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor, per Miss Bessie Kleckly, Treasurer . . . . . | 10 00 |
| April | 19. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor . . | 5 00 |
| April | 23. | To cash rec'd of Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, pastor, part of Synodical Apportionment . . . . . | 3 87 |
| May | 16. | To cash rec'd of Rev. S. Henkel, assistant Treasurer, formerly of the Beneficiary Fund, for Beneficiary Education . . . . . | 50 00 |
| June | 11. | To cash rec'd of St. Paul congregation, Hupp, Rockingham Co., Va., Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, pastor, part of Synodical Apportionment . . . | 4 75 |
| July | 17. | To cash rec'd of St. Paul congregation, Page Co., Va., Rev. R. H. Cline, pastor, for Beneficiary Education, part of Apportionment . . . | 5 00 |
| July | 30. | To cash rec'd of Solomon's church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, pastor, for Beneficiary Education, part of Apportionment . . . | 9 45 |
| Aug. | 6. | To cash rec'd of St. Mary's (Pine) church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, pastor, part of Apportionment . . . . . | 6 82 |
| Aug. | 20. | To cash rec'd of Rader's church, Rockingham Co., Va., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, pastor, part of Apportionment . . . . . | 10 29 |
| Aug. | 23. | To cash rec'd of Mrs. M. M. Henkel, Rochelle, Va , personal donation for Beneficiary Purposes | 2 00 |
| Aug. | 23. | To cash rec'd of Grace E. L. congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. R. A. Yoder, pastor . . | 3 00 |
| Aug. | 23. | To cash rec'd of Friendship E. L. congregation, Alexander Co., N. C., Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor | 3 50 |
| Aug. | 23. | To cash rec'd of Sardis E. L. congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor . . | 2 33 |
| Aug. | 23. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen E. L. congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor | 2 50 |
| Aug. | 23. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. P. Miller's pastorate . . | 1 10 |
| Sept. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Rev. R. H. Cline, personal donation to Arthur M. Pence on board bill . . . . . | 6 00 |

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| Sept. | 4. | To cash rec'd of St. Luke's (Alma) congregation, Page Co., Va., Rev. R. H. Cline, pastor, part of Synodical Apportionment . . . . . | 1 25 |
| Sept. | 4. | To cash rec'd of Rev. R. H. Cline's pastorate, part of Synodical Apportionment . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Sept. | 21. | To cash rec'd of Mrs. John P. Pence, to reimburse Synod for appropriation made to Arthur Pence | 5 40 |
| Sept. | 22. | To cash rec'd of St. Matthew's E. L. congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor, for Beneficiary Education, Alabama Mission and Synodical Fund . . . . . | 6 00 |
| Sept. | 22. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen's E. L. congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor, for Beneficiary Education, Alabama Mission, and Synodical Fund . . . . . | 6 97 |
| Sept. | 22. | To cash rec'd of Rev. D. I. Offman's pastorate, part of Apportionment . . . . . | 4 20 |
| Sept. | 22. | To cash rec'd of Mt. Nebo congregation, Madison Co., Va., Rev. J. S. Koiner, pastor, for Beneficiary Education . . . . . | 2 15 |
| Sept. | 22. | To cash rec'd of Lutheran Chapel congregation, Gaston Co., N. C., per Rev. L. L. Lohr, part of Synodical Apportionment . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Sept. | 22. | To cash rec'd of Antioch congregation, Gaston Co., N. C., per Rev. L. L. Lohr, for Synodical Apportionment . . . . . | 7 00 |
| Sept. | 22. | To cash rec'd of St. John's congregation, Cherryville, N. C., per Rev. L. L. Lohr, for Synodical Apportionment . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Sept. | 23. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. F. Moser's pastorate, for Apportionment . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Shiloh congregation, Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor, part of Synodical Apportionment | 3 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Sardis congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor, part of Synodical Apportionment . . . . . | 2 70 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of St. Timothy congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor . . | 5 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Trinity congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. D. A. Goodman, pastor, for Synodical Apportionment . . . . . | 3 90 |

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| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen's congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor, for Apportionment . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Rev. Jacob Wike's pastorate, Synodical Apportionment . . . . . | 9 30 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of St. John's congregation, Lexington Co., S. C., Rev. S. L. Nease, pastor, Apportionment . . . . . | 15 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Holy Trinity congregation, Newberry Co., S. C., Rev. S. L. Nease, pastor, Apportionment . . . . . | 5 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Morning Star congregation, Page Co., Va., per Samuel T. Miller, Apportionment | 2 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of St. David's congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, Apportionment . . . . . | 2 05 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of St. Jacob's (Bethany) congregation, Rockingham Co., Va., Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, pastor, Apportionment . . . . . | 4 50 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of the Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Emmanuel congregation, Lexington Co., S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor, Apportionment . . . . . | 14 08 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of the Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrew's congregation, Richland Co., S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor, Apportionment . . . . . | 4 50 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of the Young People's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Midway Schoolhouse, Lexington Co., S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor, Apportionment . . . . . | 4 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Zion congregation, Lexington Co., S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor, Apportionment . . . . . | 20 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Grace congregation, Lewiedale, S. C., Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor, Apportionment | 1 60 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Holy Trinity congregation, Hickory, N. C., Rev. J. C. Moser, pastor, part of Apportionment . . . . . | 30 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Zion congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. J. C. Moser, pastor, part of Apportionment . . . . . | 15 00 |

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| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Philadelphia congregation, Caldwell Co., N. C., Rev. J. C. Moser, pastor, part of Apportionment | 4 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Trinity congregation, Lincoln Co., N. C., Rev. J. A. Rudisill, pastor, Apportionment | 38 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Daniel congregation, Lincoln Co., N. C., Rev. J. A. Rudisill, pastor, Apportionment | 20 00 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Bethphage congregation, Lincoln Co., N. C., Rev. J. A. Rudisill, pastor, Apportionment | 15 01 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of Trinity congregation, Rockingham Co., Va., Rev. I. Conder, pastor, Apportionment | 2 00 |
| | | Total | $ 963 10 |

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1892. Aug. | 16. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, former Treasurer, from Rev. J. A. Rudisill, for Foreign Missions | $ 6 80 |

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

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| 1892. Aug. | 16. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, former Treasurer, for the Church Extension Fund, balance as per his report of last year | $ 20 09 |

MONEY RECEIVED FOR UNITED SYNOD MINUTES.

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| 1892. Aug. | 16. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, former Treasurer, balance as per his report of last year, for United Synod Minutes | 10 62 |

ALABAMA MISSION RECEIPTS.

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| 1892. Aug. | 16. | To cash rec'd of former Treasurer, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, balance as per his last year's report, for Alabama Mission | $ 1 72 |
| Oct. | 28. | To cash rec'd of Rev. P. C. Wike for Mt. Calvary church, Shenandoah Co., Va., for Alabama Mission | 3 00 |
| Dec. | 12. | To cash rec'd of Mrs. Mary M. Henkel, Rochelle, Va., personal, for Alabama Mission | 1 00 |

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| Dec. | 22. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor . . . . . | 1 00 |
| Dec. | 22. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions by pastor and members of St. Matthew's E. L. church, Shenandoah Co., Va., per Rev. P. C. Wike . . | 4 50 |
| Dec. | 26. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen's church Sunday-school, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor, "specially for Bro. Sox" . . . . . | 3 00 |
| Dec. | 26. | To cash rec'd of Rev. Prof. A. L. Crouse, personal, "specially for Bro. Sox" . . . . . | 1 00 |
| Dec. | 26. | To cash rec'd of Mrs. Tirzah A. Stirewalt, personal, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 90 |
| Dec. | 28. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions by individual members of Rev. P. C. Wike's pastorate, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 6 70 |
| 1893. | | | |
| Jan. | 1. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contribution of H. A. Davis, personal, Solo, Wautauga Co., N. C . . | 5 00 |
| Jan. | 3. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions by individual members of Rev. P. C. Wike's pastorate, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 4 40 |
| Jan. | 9. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions by individual members of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's vacant pastorate in Page Co., Va. . . . . | 8 45 |
| Jan. | 11. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contribution from Mrs. Mary A. Rhodes, personal, Saumsville, Va., Rev. P. C. Wike's pastorate, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 50 |
| Jan. | 14. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contribution of Miss Sarah E. Minnick, personal, Mt. Clifton, Va., per Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt . . . . . | 1 00 |
| Jan. | 16. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contribution of Rev. R. H. Cline, personal, New Market, Va. . . . | 1 00 |
| Jan. | 16. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions by individual members of St. Paul's church, Page Co., Va., Rev. R. H. Cline, pastor . . . . . | 4 25 |
| Jan. | 16. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contribution of Rev. S. Henkel, personal, New Market, Va. . . . . | 1 00 |
| Jan. | 17. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contribution of S. K. Heiserman, Glenora, Va., for Alabama Mission | 25 |
| Jan. | 18. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions of individual members of St. Matthew's congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor, | |

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| | | for Alabama Mission | 40 |
| Jan. | 22. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions of individual members of Solomon's and St. Paul's churches, in Shenandoah and Rockingham counties, Va., Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, pastor, for Alabama Mission | 3 50 |
| Jan. | 23. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, personal | 1 00 |
| Jan. | 24. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. A. Cromer, Columbia, S. C., personal | 75 |
| Jan. | 24. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions by individual members of Rev. J. A. Cromer's pastorate in South Carolina | 3 70 |
| Jan. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Ambrose L. Henkel, New Market, Va., personal | 25 |
| Jan. | 30. | To cash rec'd of Elon O. Henkel, New Market, Va., personal | 25 |
| Jan. | 31. | To cash rec'd of Trinity E. L. congregation, Lincoln Co., N. C., Rev. J. A. Rudisill, pastor, for Alabama Mission | 1 47 |
| Feb. | 3. | To cash rec'd of J. C. Miller, Smithville, Miss., personal, for Alabama Mission | 1 00 |
| Feb. | 7. | To cash rec'd of Mrs. Rev. R. H. Cline, New Market, Va., personal, for Alabama Mission | 1 00 |
| Feb. | 8. | To cash rec'd of Rev. A. L. Crouse, Hickory, N. C., personal | 60 |
| Feb. | 8. | To cash rec'd of individual members of Mt. Olive congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., as voluntary contributions, Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor, for Alabama Mission | 4 80 |
| Feb. | 14. | To cash rec'd of Luther M. Pence, Spring Creek, Va., per Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, personal | 50 |
| Feb. | 17. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Henry, N. C., personal | 1 00 |
| Feb. | 17. | To cash rec'd of Mrs. Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Henry, N. C., personal | 1 00 |
| Feb. | 19. | To cash rec'd of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Foltz, 50 cts. each, Tenth Legion, Va., per Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, for Alabama Mission | 1 00 |
| Feb. | 22. | To cash rec'd of Mrs. Paul C. Bowman, personal, Bridgewater, Va. | 25 |
| Feb. | 22. | To cash rec'd of individual members of St. Stephen's congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor | 1 00 |

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| Feb. | 22. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. P. Price, Concord, N. C., personal | 1 00 |
| Feb. | 22. | To cash rec'd of Rev. T. Moser, Concord, N. C., personal | 50 |
| Feb. | 22. | To cash rec'd of D. P. Boger, Concord, N. C., personal, per Rev. J. P. Price | 50 |
| Feb. | 23. | To cash rec'd of A. Sechrist, Highland, Erath Co., Texas, for Alabama Mission | 5 00 |
| March | 3. | To cash rec'd of J. K. Summer, S. C., per Rev. W. L. Darr, for Alabama Mission | 1 00 |
| March | 3. | To cash rec'd of Dr. J. W. Eargle, S. C., per Rev. W. L. Darr, for Alabama Mission | 1 00 |
| March | 7. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions by individual members of Trinity church, Rockingham Co., Va., Rev. I. Conder, pastor | 5 11 |
| March | 18. | To cash rec'd of Rev. A. L. Crouse for St. Matthew's congregation, King's Mountain, N. C., Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., pastor, for Alabama Mission | 10 00 |
| March | 20. | To cash rec'd as voluntary contributions by individual members of Rev. J. P. Miller's pastorate in North Carolina, for Alabama Mission | 5 71 |
| March | 20. | To cash rec'd of Silas Wike, personal, of North Carolina, per Rev. R. A. Yoder, for Alabama Mission | 2 00 |
| April | 10. | To cash rec'd of St. Peter's congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. J. M. Smith, pastor, for Alabama Mission | 19 70 |
| April | 10. | To cash rec'd of St. Paul's congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. J. M. Smith, pastor, for Alabama Mission | 12 00 |
| April | 10. | To cash rec'd of Bethel congregation, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. J. M. Smith, pastor, for Alabama Mission | 8 75 |
| April | 10. | To cash rec'd of Rev. J. M. Smith, Conover, N. C., personal, for Alabama Mission | 1 25 |
| April | 19. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen's Sunday-school, Easter collection, Catawba Co., N. C., Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor, for Alabama Mission | 4 25 |
| April | 24. | To cash rec'd of J. L. Moretz, Meat Camp, N. C., contributed by the Sunday-school of his congregation for Alabama Mission | 1 10 |

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| April | 28. | To cash rec'd of the Sunday-school of St. Paul's E. L. church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 1 00 |
| April | 30. | To cash rec'd by collection of Powder Springs church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. R. H. Cline, pastor, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 6 62 |
| April | 30. | To cash rec'd of Mrs. P. W. Baker, Orkney Springs, Va., personal, for Alabama Mission . | 38 |
| April | 29. | To cash rec'd of Misses Vickie and Minnie Miller, Smithville, Miss., collected by them for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 3 45 |
| April | 30. | To cash rec'd of Miss Willie H. Bowman, Bridgewater, Va., per Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 35 |
| May | 20. | To cash rec'd of Sharon congregation, N. C., Rev. J. R. Peterson, pastor, for Alabama Mission | 4 00 |
| May | 20. | To cash rec'd of College Chapel congregation, Gaston Co., N. C., Rev. J. R. Peterson, pastor, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 3 00 |
| May | 20. | To cash rec'd of Christ's church, Gaston Co., N. C., Rev. J. R. Peterson, pastor, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 6 45 |
| May | 20. | To cash rec'd of Philadelphia congregation, Gaston Co., N. C., Rev. J. R. Peterson, pastor, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 8 00 |
| May | 28. | To cash rec'd of Mrs. Annie E. Pence, of Solomon's church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, pastor, for Alabama Mission . . . . | 25 |
| June | 4. | To cash rec'd of St. Mary's (Pine) church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, pastor, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 3 55 |
| June | 19. | To cash rec'd of A. Shutters as voluntary contributions by individual members of St. Jacob's (Bethany) congregation, Rockingham Co., Va., Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, pastor, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 8 50 |
| July | 17. | To cash rec'd of St. Paul's congregation, Page Co., Va., Rev. R. H. Cline, pastor, for Alabama Mission, part of Apportionment . . . . . | 5 00 |
| July | 30. | To cash rec'd of Solomon's church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, pastor, for Alabama Mission, part of Apportionment . . . . | 9 45 |
| Sept. | 22. | To cash rec'd of Rev. D. I. Offman's pastorate . | 75 |

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| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd of St. Stephen's Sunday-school, Catawba Co., N. C., for Alabama Mission, Rev. A. L. Crouse, pastor . . . . . | 4 75 |
| Sept. | 25. | To cash rec'd as personal donation of individual members of Emmanuel E. L. congregation, Davidson Co., N. C., Rev. Jacob Wike, pastor, for Alabama Mission . . . . . | 50 |
| | | Total . . . . . | $ 217 01 |

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| Oct. | 16. | By cash for postage for registering Treasurer's Report to Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, East Germantown, Indiana . . . . . | 14 |
| Oct. | 21. | By cash to Arthur M. Pence for books in excess of appropriation by Synod—vou. 1 . . . . . | 7 72 |
| Oct. | 19. | By check to J. J. George, part of appropriation, order No. 1, check No. 1—vou. 2 . . . . . | 50 00 |
| Oct. | 19. | By check to S. S. Keisler, part of appropriation, order No. 2, check No. 2—vou. 3 . . . . . | 35 00 |
| Oct. | 19. | By check to J. T. Craps, part of appropriation, order No. 3, check No. 3—vou. 4 . . . . . | 35 00 |
| Oct. | 25. | By cash for postage on letters containing checks to J. J. George, S. S. Keisler, and J. T. Craps . | 04 |
| Nov. | 1. | By cash paid Rev. D. A. Sox, part of salary as per order No. 4—vou. 5 . . . . . | 100 00 |
| Nov. | 1. | By check to Rev. Prof. A. L. Crouse, part of appropriation by Synod, order No. 5, check No. 5—vou. 7 . . . . . | 50 00 |
| Nov. | 8. | By cash for postage on checks, &c . . . . . | 06 |
| Nov. | 9. | By cash to Arthur M. Pence, part of appro. by Synod, as per order Nos. 6 and 7—vou. 8 . . . | 45 00 |
| Nov. | 9. | By cash paid to Benj. F. Pence, part of appro. by Synod as per order Nos. 6 and 7—vou. 9 . . | 20 00 |
| Dec. | 11. | By cash for postage on 9 Minutes sent to J. D. Printz, Stony Man, Va., and Minutes to Jacob Miller, Cedar Point, Va . . . . . | 12 |
| Dec | 16. | By cash for postage on letters to Rev. A. L. Boliek, W. A. Boyte, and D. M. Moser, in regard to collecting the money they owe to Synod . . | 06 |
| Dec. | 19. | By cash for postage on four copies of Minutes . | 08 |
| Dec. | 21. | By check to S. S. Keisler, as per order No. 8, check No. 6—vou. 10 . . . . . | 11 00 |

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| Dec. 1893. | 21. | By cash for postage on check . . . . . | 02 |
| Jan. | 3. | By cash to Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes—vou. 11 . . . . . | 28 00 |
| Jan. | 3. | By check No. 7 to Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes—vou. 11 . . . . . | 22 00 |
| Jan. | 9. | By cash to Rev. P. C. Wike for expenses incurred in mailing Minutes of Tennessee Synod, as per order No. 9—vou. 12 . . . . . | 1 50 |
| Jan. | 7. | By check No. 8 to Rev. D. A. Sox, part of salary as per order No. 10—vou. 13 . . . . . | 100 00 |
| Jan. | 11. | By cash for postage on five letters to Revs. Crouse, Sox, Boliek, &c. . . . . | 10 |
| Feb. | 8. | By cash to Rev. A. L. Crouse for collecting checks for theological students, as per order No. 11—vou. 14 . . . . . | 60 |
| Feb. | 23. | By cash on two copies of Minutes to Dr. Hay and J. W. Summer, and one letter to Rev. Crouse . | 06 |
| March | 21. | By cash to Henkel & Co., balance for printing Minutes of 1892—vou. 15 . . . . . | 44 21 |
| March | 21. | By cash for postage on letters to Rev. A. L. Crouse, C. H. Duls, Rev. D. A. Sox, and R. G. Chisolm . . . . . | 08 |
| March | 21. | By cash to Charles H. Duls, Charlotte, N. C., Treasurer of United Synod, as per resolution on page 24 at the top of last year's Minutes—vou. 16 . . . . . | 10 62 |
| March | 21. | By cash to Charles H. Duls, Charlotte, N. C., as per Rev. A. L. Crouse's letter of Feb. 18, 1893—vou. 17 . . . . . | 6 90 |
| March | 21. | By cash to R. G. Chisolm, 31 Pitt St., Charleston, S. C., for Foreign Missions, see check No. 10 and Rev. Crouse's letter Feb. 18, 1893—vou. 18 . . . . . | 6 80 |
| March | 23. | By cash per check No. 11 to Rev. D. A. Sox, Edwardsville, Ala., as per order No. 12—vou. 19 . | 74 00 |
| April | 1. | By cash for postage on Minutes to Rev. C. F. J. Johanning, Long View, Ill. . . . . | 02 |
| April | 12. | By check to J. L. Cromer, part of his appropriation by Synod, as per order of President, order No. 13—vou. 20 . . . . . | 20 00 |

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| April | 10. | By cash to Rev. J. M. Smith which he deducted from $41.70 from his charge to pay for check for $41.60 | 10 |
| May | 20. | By cash to Ben. F. Pence, balance of appropriation by Synod, as per order of President—No. 14—vou. 21 | 20 00 |
| May | 20. | By cash for postage on letters at different times | 20 |
| May | 24. | By cash per check No. 14 to Rev. D. A. Sox, as per order of President—No. 15—vou. 22 | 75 00 |
| July | 12. | By cash for postage on blank parochial reports and letters at different times to W. A. Boyte, D. M. Moser, and Revs. Sox and Crouse | 52 |
| Aug. | 3. | By cash to S. P. Fogle for balance of Arthur M. Pence's board to Feb. 28, 1893—vou. 23 | 13 00 |
| Aug. | 15. | By cash per check No. 15 to Rev. D. A. Sox, part of order No. 16—vou. 24 | 25 00 |
| Aug. | 15. | By cash for postage on three letters | 06 |
| Sept. | 4. | By cash to Arthur M. Pence, Rev. R. H. Cline's donation | 6 00 |
| Aug. | 15. | By cash to Sidney S. Keisler, part of his appropriation by Synod, per Rev. A. L. Crouse, order No. 14—vou. 25 | 16 50 |
| Aug. | 21. | By cash to John J. George, part of his appropriation by Synod, per Rev. A. L. Crouse, order No. 14—vou. 26 | 31 50 |
| Aug. | 9. | By cash to Joseph L. Cromer, part of his appropriation by Synod, per Rev. A. L. Crouse, order No. 14—vou. 27 | 10 45 |
| Aug. | 9. | By cash to J. T. Craps, part of his appropriation by Synod, per Rev. A. L. Crouse, order No. 14—vou. 28 | 20 00 |
| Sept. | 22. | By cash to Henkel & Co., for printing parochial blanks (100) and for 2 packs envelopes—vou. 29 | 90 |
| Sept. | 26. | By cash to Rev. A. L. Crouse, part of last year's salary for teaching Theology, order No. 15—vou. 30 | 50 00 |
| Sept. | 26. | By cash to Rev. D. A. Sox, on salary of last year | 12 15 |
| | | Total | $ 950 51 |

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| Sept. 26. | Total amt. recd. to date, including Church Extension Fund already on hand . . . . . | $1200 | 50 |
| | | 950 | 51 |
| | Amt. on hand . . . . . | $ 259 | 99 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. PAUL STIREWALT, TREASURER
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

The Treasurer advanced Arthur M. Pence $7.72, previous to the reception of an order from the President of Synod, which act was sustained by Synod.

Synod now adjourned to meet tomorrow at the set time. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Darr.

## SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. S. L. Nease. Minutes adopted.

Special Rules of Order were adopted.

### SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER.

Moved that, for the remaining part of this convention, the following be observed:

1. The member who presents any motion or resolution, shall have the first privilege of speaking on it.

2. No member shall speak longer than five minutes, unless this privilege be granted by the house.

3. No member shall speak more than once on the same motion or resolution, until every other member who desires it has had the privilege of the floor.

4. No member shall speak more than thrice on the same subject, except by permission of the house.

Rev. S. S. Rahn was excused from further attendance on this convention of Synod.

Rev. Prof. A. L. Crouse read his report as Theological Teacher, which was received and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE THEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTOR.

To the E. L. Tennessee Synod:—In compliance with your direction, I report that during the past year I have given instruction in theology to our theological students in Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C. During the scholastic year which ended May 18, 1893, I instructed ten students. Three of these graduated in the literary department, and, according to our custom, have left the institution. They took a complete course in the study of the catechism. They did not quite complete the course in dogmatics. A few lectures on Homiletics were given them.

Twelve students have entered the theological department for the present year. One is yet out, but will return soon, if Synod appropriates enough money to enable him to do so. Two of these are graduates in their literary course.

Instruction is given every day in the catechism, and in the Book of Concord and Schmid's Dogmatics, with some references to Hutter's Compend. The students are required to commit to memory and recite all proof passages of Scripture. A short course will be given to the more advanced students in Homiletics and Liturgics. No regular work in Scriptural Exegesis is possible, for want of time, on the part of both students and instructor.

The sermons which the more advanced students have time to prepare, are examined, and they are required to preach occasionally before the instructor and the other students. They are also required to read the orders of service in the Church Book, and also the forms of ministerial acts; the latter in both the English and German languages.

The deportment of the students is, for the most part, such as should characterize young Christian gentlemen.

Respectfully submitted, A. L. CROUSE.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Chairman of the Committee on State of the Church, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to submit the following report:

### I. VIRGINIA.

The congregations in connection with our conference are in a prosperous condition. At this time there is but one vacant congregation in our connection. Mt. Nebo congregation, Rochelle, Va., has become vacant by the recent resignation of Rev. J. S. Koiner.

One new church edifice has been built during the summer by Rev.

R. H. Cline, at Alma, Page Co., Va. It was dedicated on the third Sunday of September. This congregation is in a good condition. Brother Cline is also building a new church edifice in his Zion congregation, near Headquarters, Shenandoah Co., Va. It will be dedicated in the near future. All our congregations are supplied with regular services and catechising. But a matter of regret is that some of them have no Sunday-schools.

Our Virginia Conference is actively engaged in the work of Home Missions. Our mission in Eastern Virginia is in a growing condition. The congregation at Fleetwood is building a house of worship. It needs our assistance. This work is being done by Rev. J. C. Wessinger. At Broadway and Spring Creek, in Rockingham Co., Va., and Midvale, Rockbridge Co., Va., mission work is being done with commendable success. Upon the whole, we can report considerable progress in our church in Virginia.

### II. NORTH CAROLINA.

In North Carolina, the work of the church has made fair progress, excepting the late school trouble in and around Conover, which has introduced a foreign element in our midst, giving some cause for confusion and disaffection towards our Synod. The brethren are laboring together in peace and harmony. Through our conference, and the individual work of the pastors, much has been done in mission work. We have some vacant congregations, but nearly all of them are receiving some attention by different pastors. Sunday-school work is gaining a greater hold upon the people. There is a spirit of Christian giving manifested among many of the lay members, but this department of Christian life has not yet reached a satisfactory development. There is a growing interest in Christian education. Notwithstanding the stringent condition of the finances of the country, the schools under the care of our pastors are quite well patronized, and the spirit of education is each year becoming broader and deeper in the hearts of our people. The greatest want is more ministers. At present there is need of three ministers in order to supply the vacant congregations and establish new ones. Let us pray that the Master may send new laborers in the field white unto harvest.

### III. SOUTH CAROLINA.

Our churches are getting along reasonably well in South Carolina. There are no vacant churches, but some of the charges are too large and scattered over too much territory.

Attendance is very good. There are catechetical classes in all of our churches, sometimes twice a year, and some of them are large.

All the churches except two have Sunday-schools, which are well attended, and taught by earnest teachers.

Rev. J. G. Schaid's charge has built, during the year, a commodious parsonage, valued at $1200.00.

In Rev. Darr's charge, two new churches have been dedicated.

In Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge, a congregation has been organized, and a church, costing about $500.00, is nearly completed.

Taking everything into consideration, our churches are making very fair progress.

IV. ALABAMA.

Our missionary reports progress. The pastor's salary is not as promptly paid as it should be. This, in a large measure, interferes with the work. This interference could easily be removed if we could cultivate a more willing spirit of Christian giving in our people. Let us all endeavor to give this important work all the assistance we can by our prayers, money, and words of encouragement. We deem it inexpedient to report at great length on this part of our work, for the reason that the Board of Missions of this Synod will report on this subject. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. G. SCHAID.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., read the following report, which was received and considered by items:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, the committee appointed to report on the President's Report, submit the following:

We regard it as a well prepared report.

1. The President calls attention to two letters from Mr. George A. Riser, of Tupello, Mississippi, who asks aid to help him to prepare for the ministry. Relative to this matter, we recommend that Synod take such action as deemed proper.

2. He submits a paper forwarded to him by Concordia congregation, Conover, N. C. Has any action been taken in regard to it?

3. He states that he gave a letter of dismission to Rev. J. L. Deaton from this Synod to the E. L. Synod of the Northwest, subject to the action of this Synod. In regard to this, we recommend that Synod approve this action.

4. He calls attention to the change of place for the meeting of Synod.

S. HENKEL,
J. P. STIREWALT.

Item 1. Sustained.

Item 2. Deferred.

Item 3. Sustained.

Item 4. No action necessary.

By previous arrangement, Rev. L. K. Probst at this time presented the Mission cause.

Synod adjourned for divine service. Rev. J. S. Koiner preached the ordination sermon, and the candidates, J. C. Wessinger, G. E. Long, and J. J. George, were ordained.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2 P. M.

Synod met. The roll was called.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Revs. W. P. Cline, J. G. Schaid, and J. P. Stirewalt, were appointed to get up the annual apportionments.

The Board of Missions presented the following report, which was received to be considered:

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Your Board submits the following:

#### ALABAMA MISSION.

When this Board was elected and began to look into the affairs of this Mission, it found the Synod indebted to the Missionary to the amount of $274, with instructions from Synod to settle the indebtedness. It found that it had only one hundred dollars available for that purpose. The Treasurer was ordered to transmit this amount immediately. The Missionary represented himself to be in straightened circumstances financially. He urgently called upon the Board for the full amount due him. The Board resolved to appeal to the church for special contributions of money for this purpose This was done through *Our Church Paper* and private letters. The church already knows what the success was. Some money was borrowed which has since been refunded, and in a few months the debt was paid. The Board informed the Missionary that it could not promise to pay him any certain amount of money during the current year, while at the

same time it would not specify what work he should do or what time he should devote to it, but encouraged him to do all he could and allowed him to go on with his school, promising him to pay him what it could. One hundred dollars has been paid him for the last year's work, and an order issued upon the Treasurer for fifty dollars more. In June, 1893, the President of the Synod visited the field. The Board did not incur the expense of this visit. The information obtained has been given to the church through *Our Church Paper*. It is enough to say here that the conviction was that the interests were such that the mission must receive continued support, and the Board agreed to pay the same amount of salary formerly paid, provided it could receive money sufficient to do so. This it has not been able to do. Notwithstanding his hindrances, the Missionary has done good work. His annual report in our hands enables us to make the following statements: The St. Michael's congregation has lost some members by removal, but several persons are to be confirmed soon. The increase in the Zion congregation has been small, but it will soon receive some accessions by confirmation. The congregation in Anniston has sixty or seventy souls. During the past year it has part of the time been without a place of worship, but a house has been rented for its use. A neat little church owned but now vacated by the Northern Presbyterians has been offered for sale. Our congregation is trying to sell its vacant lot and buy this church.

### OTHER MISSIONS.

The Mission of the Virginia Conference is in a fairly good condition. Some advances are being made, and Conference seems resolved to push the work more earnestly in the future. There are seven mission points receiving the attention of Conference.

The North Carolina Conference has steadily continued to support its missions at Statesville and Monroe. No other points have received financial aid through the Conference. Some money has been secured in a private way for the Taylorsville mission, and it is hoped that its house of worship will be completed this winter. It now has a regular pastor. Other points, Morganton, Maiden, Lincolnton, and Killian's schoolhouse have been served by different pastors. The Morganton mission is a very important and promising one.

The South Carolina Conference has no mission of its own, therefore we recommend that it meet regularly and co-operate with the Board in supporting the Alabama Mission. We further recommend that all our Sunday-schools in the Synod be, and they are hereby, appealed to make the Alabama Mission a special object of their support.

We also recommend that another pastor be called to the Alabama Mission as soon as his support can be provided for.

A. L. CROUSE,
P. C. WIKE.

The motion prevailed to pay the missionary, Rev. D. A. Sox, $150.00 for the past year's work.

Recommendation 1. Sustained.

Recommendation 2. Sustained, and the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Missions be requested to send out an earnest appeal to the Sunday-schools of our Synod, to contribute funds for the support of our Alabama mission, with the assistance of the South Carolina conference; also that the Board is hereby authorized to devise such plans as they may deem necessary to successfully carry out the wishes of the Synod.

Recommendation 3. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27—8.30 P. M.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The following resolution, in reference to the mission work of the United Synod of the South, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we have heard with *great* interest the excellent address of Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod of the South, and hereby express our very great interest in the work of home and foreign missions; but, whereas, under the present condition of things, we cannot consistently, as a Synod, take any special action in regard to the mission work, foreign or home, under the care of the United Synod, we trust the different ministers and congregations will pursue such a course relative to this important matter, as they may deem proper.

Rev. R. H. Cline, Chairman of the Committee on Treasurer's Report, submitted the following:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on Treasurer's Report, would offer the following:

1. We find the credits and debits correct.

2. We find the amount of thirteen dollars paid out by the Treasurer without the President's order. Inasmuch as this was a debt honestly contracted by the members of your Examining Committee in Virginia, and no order from the President could be secured, therefore we recommend that Synod sustain the Treasurer in his action.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. CLINE,
J. G. SCHAID,
J. C. WESSINGER.

The report was received and considered. The recommendation of the committee was sustained. The report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Chairman of the Committee on Support of Aged and Infirm Pastors, presented the following:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT OF AGED AND INFIRM PASTORS.

*Resolved* 1. That every pastor contribute one per cent. of his income to a fund, to be called the Pastors' Fund.

2. That this fund be administered by the officers of Synod.

3. That this Synod establish rules to guide the officers in the management of this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. G. SCHAID.

The report was received and considered.

Item 1. Sustained.

Item 2. Sustained.

Item 3. Sustained as amended.

A committee, consisting of Revs. W. P. Cline, J. P. Stirewalt, and J. G. Schaid, were appointed to get up a plan, and present to the next meeting of this Synod for consideration.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Church Institutions presented the following report:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee on Church Institutions submits the following:

Within the bounds of our Synod, conducted by our pastors and people, are a number of schools, literary and theological. While none of them are as yet under the fostering care of Synod, yet we deem it proper to instruct our people concerning them through this method. The Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va., is a chartered institution for male and female. It is well conducted and enjoys prosperity. It is worthy the attention and patronage of all concerned. Von Bora College, Luray, Va., is for females only. Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., is the founder and president. The present outlook is encouraging. The principal's life has been chiefly devoted to the education of girls. His great concern for their intellectual and spiritual welfare, should demand the attention and patronage of those who have girls to educate. Holly Grove Academy, Ilex, N. C., Rev. Prof. A. R. Beck, principal, is a worthy school of commendable academic grade, and is worthy the liberal patronage of all around. At Monroe, N. C., a parochial school is conducted by Rev. Prof. J. F. Moser. This work commends itself as an example to every pastor of this Synod. Gaston College, Dallas, N. C: This institution, with Rev. Prof. S. S. Rahn, Ph. D., President, had a fairly prosperous session in 1892-'93. It is a boarding school for girls. Prospects promise a larger attendance during the ensuing scholastic year. It is doing a good work for our Lutheran church through the teaching of the Bible and Luther's Catechism. Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., is also for the coeducation of the sexes. It is in a very prosperous condition. The attendance is large and increasing. It deserves the care and patronage of our people. At Lenoir College is located Synod's theological professor. The work done by him can be learned best through his report submitted to this body. Cleburne Institute, at Edwardsville, Alabama, is an institution run by our Missionary, Rev. Prof. D. A. Sox. It is enjoying prosperity and exerts a good influence for the welfare of our Zion. Concerning the Summit High School, Summit, S. C., conducted by Rev. E. L. Lybrand, we have no data.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. WIKE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
HENRY WITTIG.

The report was received and considered.

On motion, that part of the report in reference to Concordia College was stricken out.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, We believe, that in this age of high, intellectual development, when all the different Christian societies with which we are surrounded are especially engaged in the noble work of educating the young, the attention of our people ought to be more directly called to this great obligation resting upon all who love the kingdom of our Redeemer, and some plan be formulated by which our people can safely give their moral and material support to the great work of Christian education, and

WHEREAS, We learn with pleasure that Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., an institution under the care and management of a number of our pastors, is enjoying a high degree of prosperity, and doing noble work towards promoting Christian education, especially among our own people; therefore, be it

*Resolved 1.* That we commend this institution of learning to the attention of our people, believing it worthy of their patronage, moral and material support.

*Resolved 2.* That a committee of three ministers, one from each State, be appointed to confer with the board of trustees of this institution, with a view of bringing it into closer relation with our Synod, so that our people may have a better opportunity to engage more directly in the great work of Christian education.

*Resolved 3.* That it shall be the duty of this committee to make diligent and careful investigation of the financial condition of the school, the property it possesses, its management, and moral and doctrinal basis upon which it has been founded, and report the same at the next meeting of our Synod.

In reference to the second resolution, the following committee was appointed: Revs. P. C. Wike, J. A. Rudisill, and J. A. Cromer.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That we appropriate $300 to the support of our theological teacher in Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., and require him to give at least one-half of his time to imparting instruction to the theological students in that institution.

2. That as soon as expedient, and the funds can be provided, the course of instruction in theology at Lenoir College shall be more fully taught, and one or more additional instructors be secured.

## NINTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and divine services were conducted by Rev. J. G. Schaid. The roll was called. The reading of the minutes was deferred.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., with Rev. J. C. Moser, alternate, was appointed to preach the ordination sermon at the next meeting of Synod.

The following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That our hearty thanks are due and hereby tendered the pastor and people of this church and community, for their great kindness shown us during our stay here, and to the choir for their excellent music.

*Resolved*, That Synod request pastor J. C. Moser to furnish a copy of the special sermon on Missions for publication, and that a committee be appointed to see to the publishing and the sale of it among the churches.

The following committee, Revs. R. A. Yoder, A. L. Crouse, and P. C. Wike, were appointed to have published and sold the special sermon on the subject of Missions, preached by Rev. J. C. Moser, at this meeting of Synod.

Rev. S. S. Rahn, with Rev. P. C. Wike, alternate, was appointed to preach the special sermon on Missions, at next meeting of Synod ; Rev. F. C. Oberly, with Rev. A. L. Crouse, alternate, was appointed to preach the sermon on Catechisation.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt read the Report of the Committee on Apportionment, which was received and considered.

The report was amended and adopted as follows :

### SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT.

| | Per Cent. | | Per Cent. |
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| J. R. Peterson | 2 | D. A. Sox | 1 |
| S. Henkel | 3½ | J. A. Rudisill | 6 |
| J. M. Smith | 5 | J. F. Moser | 2 |
| F. C. Oberly | 1½ | R. H. Cline | 4 |
| L. A. Bikle | 2 | P. C. Wike | 4 |

| | Per Cent. | | Per Cent. |
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| I. Conder | 1½ | J. P. Price | 2 |
| J. N. Stirewalt | 5 | W. L. Darr | 3 |
| A. L. Crouse | 3 | D. I. Offman | 1 |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 6 | J. P. Miller | 2 |
| J. C. Moser | 5 | J. G. Schaid | 2½ |
| J. J. George | 3 | D. J. Settlemyre | 3½ |
| S. S. Rahn | 2 | J. Wike | 3½ |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 4 | (W. H. T. Dau) | 2 |
| J. A. Cromer | 4½ | S. L. Nease | 2½ |
| E. L. Lybrand | 4½ | A. L. Boliek | 2 |
| R. A. Yoder | 5 | G. E. Long | 1½ |
| W. P. Cline | 2 | D. A. Goodman | 1 |
| (G. A. Romoser) | 1 | | |

W. P. CLINE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. G. SCHAID.

The following appropriations to beneficiary students were made: Benjamin F. Pence, $100; George A. Riser was referred to the South Carolina members of the Examining Committee, with instructions to make such provisions for him as it finds possible and deems best; S. S. Keisler is to receive $90; J. L. Cromer, $60; E. J. Sox, $50. F. K. Roof and M. L. Pence were referred to the members of the Examining Committee in North Carolina, with instructions to make such arrangements as it can.

The deferred item on the Report of Committee on President's Report was taken up, and the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, A letter concerning our relation to the United Synod, from Concordia congregation, Conover, N. C., by accident was not placed into the hands of the Committee on Letters and Petitions, and it having been read before Synod;

*Resolved*, That as this matter has been discussed at considerable length, Synod finds it impossible to take any more definite action at this time.

The Report of the Committee on the President's Report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

*Resolved* 1. That the Treasurer of this Synod be required to acknowledge in *Our Church Paper*, from time to time, during the synodical year, the amounts of money received by him for the Synodical Fund and for other general church purposes.

2. That in his report to Synod, the Treasurer shall be required to state only the sum total received from each pastor or pastorate during the year.

The following pastors absent were not excused: Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Rev. D. J. Settlemyre, Rev. D. A. Goodman.

The following pastors were absent and excused: Rev. R. A. Yoder, Rev. D. C. Huffman, Rev. A. R. Beck.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

Religious services conducted by the President.

J. A. RUDISILL, SECRETARY.

## DIVINE SERVICES.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1893.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. In Emmanuel church, Rev. A. L. Boliek—Luke 11 : 28.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1893.

11.00 A. M.—Opening sermon. Rev. A. L. Crouse—Phil. 1 : 27–28.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. P. C. Wike—Luke 16 : 19–31.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1893.

10.30 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. C. Moser—1 Tim. 4 : 8.

10.30 A. M.—Sermon. In Methodist church, Rev. J. I. Miller.

10.30 A. M.—Sermon. In St. Matthew's church, Rev. J. A. Rudisill.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. S. S. Rahn—Prov. 4 : 18.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. In St. Matthew's church, Rev. Jacob Wike—1 Thes. 2 : 18.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1893.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. W. P. Cline—St. John 21 : 22.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. F. C. Oberly—2 Cor. 5 : 13–14.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1893.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. C. Moser—Romans 1 : 14–16.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. G. Schaid—Luke 1 : 4.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1893.

11.00 A. M.—Ordination sermon. Rev. J. S. Koiner—1 Tim 3 : 1.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. A. Cromer.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1893.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. W. L. Darr.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael, Emmanuel.
CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas, Mt. Horeb, Holy Trinity.
RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew, Mt. Tabor.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.
ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh, St. Paul.
BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.
CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Trinity.
CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Mt. Gilead.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy, Mt. Olive, St. Andrew.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin, St. John's.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon, Cedar Grove, and David's Chapel.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin, Zion.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel, St. Luke.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel, St. Paul.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. Luke (Alma), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

CULPEPER COUNTY.—Trinity.

Total, 116.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved 1.* That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to take up in each of his congregations collections for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod; and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

*Resolved 2.* That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some ; be it, therefore,

*Resolved 3.* That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved 4.* That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all of their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 5.* That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the Synodical year, to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 6.* That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved 7.* That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved 8.* That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved 9.* That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved 10.* That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our min-

isters to ask their congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved 11.* That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved 12.* That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved 13.* That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved 14.* That the chairmen of the Executive Committee of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the Missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved 15.* That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

*Resolved 16.* That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved 17.* That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and, if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved 18.* That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved 19.* That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 20.* That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

| PASTORS. | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Rec'd by Letter. | Transfers. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday-Schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Per Centum. | Synodical Fund. | Conf. Missions. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. | Foreign Missions. |
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| J. R. Peterson | 1843 | 4 | 340 | . . . | . | 17 | 4 | . | . | 4 | . | 3 | 10 | 130 | . | $ 45 10 | $ 15 00 | $ 250 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| T. Moser | 1844 | . | . . . | . . . | . | . . | . | . | . | . . | . | . | . . | . . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| S. Henkel | 1850 | 2 | 274 | 480 | 2 | 14 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 13 | . | 2 | 12 | 140 | . | 30 00 | 16 00 | . . . . | . . . . | $10 00 |
| C. H. Bernheim | 1855 | . | . . . | . . . | . | . . | . | . | . | . . | . | . | . . | . . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| J. M. Smith | 1856 | 3 | . . | . . . | 2 | 54 | 31 | . | . | 15 | . | 2 | . | . . | . | 41 75 | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| J. I. Miller* | 1858 | 1 | 79 | . . | 1 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | 7 | 65 | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| L. A. Bikle | 1859 | . | . . | . . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . | . | . | . . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| I. Conder | 1861 | 3 | 89 | 128 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 1 | . | 1 | . | 2 | 10 | 85 | . | 7 11 | 12 38 | 200 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| A. L. Crouse | 1871 | 2 | 283 | 523 | . | 20 | 31 | . | 2 | 2 | . | 2 | 20 | 221 | . | 12 20 | 20 00 | 300 00 | $ 300 00 | . . . |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 1873 | 4 | 550 | 947 | 8 | 49 | 46 | 2 | 2 | 27 | . | 1 | 11 | 80 | 6 | 74 18 | 52 55 | 500 00 | 1247 88 | . . . |
| J. C. Moser | 1873 | 2 | 270 | 640 | . | 24 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 5 | . | 3 | 25 | 325 | . | 45 00 | 45 00 | 650 00 | 100 00 | . . . |
| S. S. Rahn | 1874 | . | . . | . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| J. G. Schaid | 1875 | 1 | 225 | 244 | . | 16 | 9 | . | 8 | 2 | . | 1 | 5 | 111 | . | . . . | . . . | 326 05 | 970 00 | 5 00 |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 1876 | 4 | 260 | . . . | 5 | 5 | 16 | 1 | . | 10 | . | . | . | . . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| J. A. Cromer | 1877 | . | . . | . . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . | . | . | . . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| E. L. Lybrand | 1877 | . | . . | . . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . | . | . | . . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| R. A. Yoder | 1879 | 3 | 475 | 700 | . | 41 | 11 | . | 3 | 3 | . | 1 | 6 | 80 | . | 52 00 | 50 00 | 400 00 | 1000 00 | . . |
| J. S. Koiner | 1881 | 1 | 39 | 82 | 1 | 2 | 2 | . | . | . | . | 1 | 6 | 57 | . | 2 15 | . . . | 80 00 | . . . | . . . |
| W. P. Cline | 1881 | 3 | 133 | 235 | . | 12 | . | 2 | 2 | . | . | 2 | 6 | 100 | . | 12 00 | 8 00 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| D. A. Goodman | 1882 | 3 | 181 | 247 | 1 | 11 | 5 | . | . | 4 | . | 2 | 12 | 76 | . | 3 90 | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 | . | . . | . . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . | . | . | . . | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| D. A. Sox | 1883 | 3 | 62 | 118 | . | 6 | 6 | . | 11 | . | . | 1 | 3 | . . | . | 6 00 | . . . | 400 00 | 25 00 | . . . |
| J. A. Rudisill | 1883 | 5 | 696 | 1213 | 5 | 53 | 35 | . | 2 | 17 | . | 3 | 24 | 275 | . | 73 01 | 38 71 | 350 00 | 100 00 | . . . |
| R. H. Cline | 1885 | 4 | 160 | 400 | 9 | 12 | 18 | . | . | 3 | . | 1 | 8 | 74 | . | 37 50 | 30 00 | 400 00 | 1400 00 | . . . |
| P. C. Wike | 1886 | 4 | 300 | 570 | 1 | 21 | 10 | 1 | . | 2 | . | 3 | . | . . | . | 53 92 | 43 66 | 400 00 | 100 00 | . . . |
| J. P. Price | 1888 | 3 | 151 | 370 | . | 15 | 4 | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | 8 | 72 | . | 20 00 | 10 80 | 310 00 | 286 50 | . . . |
| J. F. Moser | 1889 | 2 | 50 | 90 | . | 3 | 1 | . | 7 | 5 | . | 2 | 10 | 70 | . | 10 00 | 23 50 | 500 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| W. L. Darr | 1889 | 4 | 398 | 652 | . | 23 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 11 | . | 3 | 22 | 205 | . | 12 00 | . . . . | 275 00 | 2480 00 | . . . |
| D. I. Offman | 1889 | 3 | . . | 230 | 1 | . | 10 | . | . | 2 | . | 2 | 6 | 50 | . | 4 20 | 75 00 | 250 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| J. P. Miller | 1889 | 3 | 227 | 401 | 4 | 42 | 3 | . | . | 9 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 75 | . | 23 14 | 12 75 | 225 00 | . . . . | . . . |
| Jacob Wike | 1891 | 5 | 350 | 700 | 10 | 37 | 26 | . | 4 | 6 | . | 2 | 9 | 140 | . | 9 30 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| L. L. Lohr | 1891 | 4 | 425 | . . | 1 | 47 | 40 | 2 | . | 5 | . | 1 | . | . . | . | 22 00 | 39 50 | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| A. L. Bolick† | 1891 | 4 | 258 | 392 | . | 2 | . | . | . | 1 | . | 3 | 15 | 115 | . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . . |
| S. L. Nease | 1892 | 2 | 315 | 450 | . | 12 | 4 | 55 | 6 | 4 | . | 3 | 23 | 200 | . | 20 00 | . . . . | 896 00 | . . . | 6 86 |
| Total | . . | 82 | 6590 | 10 912 | 52 | 542 | 350 | 86 | 74 | 153 | 4 | 49 | 265 | 2746 | . | $616 46 | $492 85 | $6712 05 | $8009 38 | $21 86 |

*Reports to Sept. 1, 1893, since which time Rev. F. C. Oberley has been in charge. For full congregational roll, see pages 47-48.
†This report only extends from June 1, 1893, to Sept. 20, 1893.

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# TENNESSEE SYNOD,

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## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

The time is Saturday, 10 A. M., before the 5th Sunday of September, 1895, and the place is hereafter to be selected by the officers of Synod.

# MINUTES

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OF THE

# EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

## FIRST SESSION.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LEXINGTON CO., S. C.,
SATURDAY, SEPT. 22, 1894.

According to adjournment of its last convention, the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in regular session, at St. John's Church (Broad River), Lexington county, S. C., at 11 A. M., Sept. 22, 1894. In the absence of the President, Rev. I. Conder, the opening sermon was preached by the Secretary, Rev. J. A. Rudisill; text, 2 Tim.—"Preach the Word."

### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

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| Rev. J. R. Peterson* | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser* | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D.* | New Market, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim | Lexington, N. C. |
| " J. M. Smith | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bickle, D. D.† | King's Mountain, N. C. |
| " I. Conder* | McGaheysville, Va. |
| " J. N. Stirewalt* | Luray, Va. |
| " Prof. A. L. Crouse | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. P. Stirewalt* | New Market, Va. |
| " Prof. J. C. Moser | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. A. Cromer | Columbia, S. C. |
| " Prof. E. L. Lybrand | Summit, S. C. |
| " Prof. R. A. Yoder | Hickory, N. C. |

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.

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| Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner* | Luray, Va. |
| " J. I. Miller, D. D.* | Buena Vista, Va. |
| " D. A. Sox | Edwardsville, Ala. |
| " D. A. Goodman | Connelly Springs, N. C. |
| " J. W. Hausenfluck† | Rockingham, Va. |
| " Prof. W. P. Cline | Hickory, N. C. |
| " D. J. Settlemyre | China Grove, N. C. |
| " J. K. Efird* | Oakesdale, Wash. |
| " J. A. Rudisill | Henry, N. C. |
| " Prof. R. H. Cline* | Shenandoah, Va. |
| " P. C. Wike | Tom's Brook, Va. |
| " D. C. Huffman* | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. G. Schaid | Rightwell, S. C. |
| " J. P. Price | Concord, N. C. |
| " J. F. Moser | Monroe, N. C. |
| " W. L. Darr | Spring Hill, S. C. |
| " D. I. Offman | Melanchthon, N. C. |
| " Prof. J. P. Miller | Hickory, N. C. |
| " Jacob Wike* | Pinnix, N. C. |
| " A. R. Beck | Ilex, N. C. |
| " S. L. Nease | Little Mountain, S. C. |
| " A. L. Boliek* | Orkney Springs, Va. |
| " F. C. Oberly† | Luray, Va. |
| " G. E. Long | Taylorsville, N. C. |
| " J. C. Wessinger | Henry, N. C. |
| " J. J. George | Cherryville, N. C. |
| " Prof. R. L. Fritz | Hickory, N. C. |
| " S. S. Keisler | Ops, Ark. |

## CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

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| Wm. H. Roof | Summit, S. C. |
| Francis K. Roof | Columbia, S. C. |
| H. Julian Mathias | Lexington, S. C. |
| J. Allen Arndt | Cherryville, N. C. |
| Enoch J. Sox | Hickory, N. C. |
| Cephas K. Lippard | Statesville, N. C. |
| J. L. Cromer | Columbia, S. C. |
| Benjamin F. Pence | Forestville, Va. |
| George A. Riser | Tupelo, Miss. |
| M. Luther Pence | Cootes's Store, Va. |
| J. T. Craps | Lewiedale, S. C. |

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.

## BENEFICIARIES.

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E. J. Sox . . . . . Hickory, N. C.
George A. Riser . . . . . Tupelo, Miss.
Benjamin F. Pence . . . . . Forestville, Va.

## LAY-DELEGATES.

Elon O. Henkel—Emmanuel, New Market, Va.
J. T. Cline—St. Stephen's, Catawba Co., N. C.
M. L. Cline—Holy Trinity and Zion, Catawba Co., N. C.
A. Costner—Salem, Lincoln Co., N. C.
T. P. Cloninger—Mt. Olive, Catawba Co., N. C.
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J. D. Wessinger—St. Thomas, Lexington Co., S. C.
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F. K. Roof—Emmanuel's, Lexington Co., S. C.
Louis Shealy—St. James', Lexington Co., S. C.
C. M. Yoder—Grace, Catawba Co., N. C.
W. L. Plonk—St. Mark's and St. John's, Gaston Co., N. C.
Prof. S. A. Wolf—College Chapel and Philadelphia, Gaston Co., N. C.
A. P. Rhyne—Mt. Holly, Gaston Co., N. C.
W. C. Shealy—Holy Trinity, Little Mountain, S. C.
G. H. Schwartz—St. Andrew's, Richland Co., S. C.
Dr. J. W. Eargle—St. Jacob's, Lexington Co., S. C.
H. P. Metz—Mt. Horeb, Chapin, S. C.

The President's annual report was then read by Secretary Rev. J. A. Rudisill.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—In the Providence of God we have been permitted to pass through another synodical year. We have reason to thank the Great Head of the Church that none of our brethren in the ministry have been disabled or become enfeebled by ill health to discontinue their labors, or any called home to their long reward; but are still permitted to continue in the discharge of their regular ministerial duties with usual degree of success.

We have met together to discharge the duty assigned us in promoting the best interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom upon earth. Let us not lose sight of the dignity and responsibility that rest upon us as servants of Christ, but say with the Psalmist: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake."

We implore the guidance of the Holy Spirit to so govern and direct us in the transaction of business, for which we have been called together, to prevent schism and alienation of feelings, but may our deliberations in this meeting be productive of much good to the honor and glory of God.

### OFFICIAL ACTS.

Some time after adjournment of last Synod, I issued an order on the Treasurer to pay Rev. D. A. Sox $50, for services rendered in the Alabama Mission for last year's work. On December 8, to same, $50; on January 18, 1894. $20; January 25, $50; and April 10, $25. In October, 1893, an order issued in favor of Benjamin F. Pence for $50; October 12, S. S. Keisler for $22.50; October 27, Rev. A. L. Crouse, theological professor in Lenoir College, North Carolina, for $100; to the same, August 29, for $100; October 31, Rev. J. J. George $18.50; November 7, J. T. Craps for $20; same date, Arthur M. Pence for $10; December 6, S. S. Keisler for $50; December 9, E. J. Sox for $30; on December 11, Joseph L. Cromer for $30; on January 9, 1894, an order in favor of Geo. A. Riser for $25; February 16, Rev. A. L. Crouse for $100; March 26, B. F. Pence $50; April 3, Joseph L. Cromer for $30; April 10, Geo. A. Riser, the balance due him, $35. On April 20, I received a notice from Mr. S. S. Keisler that he had received $10 of beneficiary funds from Prof. R. A. Yoder.

### INSTALLATIONS.

During the present year there have been two installation services. On the 8th of October, 1893, Rev. Frank C. Oberly, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, was installed as pastor of St. Mark's, Page county,

Virginia, and Bethlehem congregations. Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., of New Market, Virginia, preached the installation sermon, and Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., inducted him into office as pastor of those congregations.

I was required to install Rev. G. E. Long as pastor of St. Paul's church, Taylorsville, Alexander county, North Carolina, on the 2d Sunday of December, 1893, but being unable to attend Prof. R. A. Yoder performed that duty.

On January 19, 1894, I received a communication from Pastor F. Kuegele, Augusta county, Virginia, of the English Missouri Synod, stating that he ordained Prof. Buchheimer, and introduced him as pastor of Concordia congregation, at Conover, North Carolina.

### RESIGNATIONS AND CALLS.

Rev. R. H. Cline has resigned St. John's church, Rockingham county, Virginia, and Zion's church, Shenandoah county, Virginia.

Rev. A. L. Boliek has received and accepted a call from Zion's church, Shenandoah county, Virginia, to take effect after October 1st. A new house of worship has been built there, and it was consecrated to the service of God on the 1st Sunday of September, 1894. Rev. P. C. Wike preached the dedication sermon.

I have resigned my entire charge, consisting of St. Peter's, Shenandoah, Page county, Virginia; McGaheysville and Trinity churches, Rockingham county, Virginia.

Rev. R. H. Cline has received and accepted a call to St. Peter's, Shenandoah, Page county, Virginia, where a new parsonage has been recently erected.

### NEW CHURCH.

On July 23, 1894, I received notice from Rev. J. A. Rudisill that he had dedicated a new church, Cedar Grove, 50 x 30 ft., Lincoln county, North Carolina, on the 4th Sunday of June.

On August 11, I gave Rev. L. L. Lohr a letter of honorable dismissal from our Synod, with a view of connecting himself with the East Pennsylvania Synod, which convened in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of September, 1894.

On November 23, I was informed that the Examining Committee, as appointed by Synod, Revs. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand, of South Carolina, examined Mr. Geo. A. Riser, of Tupelo, Mississippi, a candidate for the ministry and an applicant for beneficiary aid, as to his moral and intellectual attainments, and they favorably recommended him to me, and also that he attend Newberry College, South

Carolina, and that an appropriation of $60 be allowed him, which was approved. (I herewith submit his class standing).

On December 11, I received a communication from the Examining Committee, Profs. J. C. Moser and W. P. Cline, of Lenoir College, North Carolina, stating that they had examined Mr. E. J. Sox, and found him in every way worthy and well qualified to be received under the care of Synod, and that $50 be appropriated for his benefit, which was also approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We should devise some more efficient means for the raising of funds for carrying on our missionary work, as we find that we have fallen short of meeting our obligations in the Alabama mission. The cause of this delinquency should be investigated, and, if possible, corrected.

2. We do not consider it expedient to dissolve our connection at this time with the United Synod South. We do not think it wise to be hasty in this matter. We believe that the Lutheran church would make greater progress in the common cause of the salvation of souls, and be able to do more effective work in our Master's vineyard; we should ponder well before we take this backward step, but endeavor to make it what its name imports, *united* both in soul and body. Let us exercise the spirit of long-suffering, wait, pray, and labor for unity of sentiment; we believe that much more good could be accomplished for our beloved zion.

I have endeavored to the best of my ability to discharge the important trust committed to me; you will pardon my mistakes, and thanking you for the confidence manifested towards me, I therefore vacate the chair, and implore the guidance of the Holy Spirit to rest upon you in all of your deliberations.

I. CONDER,
PRESIDENT E. L. TENN. SYNOD.

## OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

The following were elected:

Rev. J. F. Moser, President.
Rev. J. P. Miller, Recording Secretary.
Rev. J. C. Moser, Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treasurer.

After taking his seat and making a few fitting remarks, the President appointed the following committees:

### COMMITTEES.

*On the State of the Church.*—Revs. A. L. Crouse, P. C. Wike, and S. L. Nease.

*On President's Report.*—Rev. W. P. Cline, Rev. D. J. Settlemyre, and Wm Yoder.

*On Examination.*—Revs. S. Henkel, J. S. Koiner, J. A. Rudisill, J. C. Moser, E. L. Lybrand, and Wm. L. Darr.

*On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. R. A. Yoder, Rev. J. P. Price, and J. W. Summer.

*On Unfinished Business.*—Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Rev. A. R. Beck, and W. P. Carpenter.

*On Church Institutions.*—Revs. D. J. Settlemyre, G. E. Long, and R. L. Fritz.

*On Treasurer's Report.*—Rev. J. J. George, A. Costner, and Elon O. Henkel.

Synod adjourned for one hour.

## SECOND SESSION.

The Synod was called to order by the President.

The Report of Committee on President's Report was read, received, and considered item by item.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, the committee appointed on President's Report, submit the following: We regard it as a well prepared report.

1. The President calls attention to a communication of Rev. F. Kuegele, of the English Missouri Synod, in which Rev. Kuegele states that he ordained and installed Prof. Buchheimer as pastor of Concordia congregation, Conover, N. C., some time in January, 1894. We regard this action of the congregation in this matter as irregular.

2. We recommend that the action of the President with regard to the honorable dismissal of Rev. L. L. Lohr from this Synod to the East Pennsylvania Synod be not sustained, because it is regarded as irregular for want of authority.

3. We call attention to the recommendation of the President in reference to the withdrawal of this Synod from the United Synod, and recommend that it be not sustained.

4. In reference to the President's recommendation of devising more efficient means of raising synodical funds, we suggest that each pastor see to it that he raise the amount of his apportionment..

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLINE,
D. J. SETTLEMYRE,
WM. YODER.

Item 1. Recommendation sustained.

Item 2. Recommendation sustained.

Item 3. Action deferred.

Item 4. Recommendation sustained.

At the request of Synod the President appointed the following Committee on Apportionment: Revs. J. J. George, P. C. Wike, and S. L. Nease.

With reference to the time to be devoted to synodical business and devotional exercises the following regulations were adopted for this convention:

Business session from 9 o'clock to 11 A. M. Sermon. One hour's intermission for dinner and recreation, after which business session till adjournment in the evening, the hour for adjournment not being designated.

During the evening's session the following members arrived: Revs. J. M. Smith, C. H. Bernheim, and A. R. Beck; delegates, Chas. L. Coon, W. H. Hare, and F. K. Roof.

The presence of pastors H. K. G. Doermann of the Ohio Synod and W. H. T. Dau of the Missouri Synod was noted.

Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer and benediction by Rev. R. A. Yoder.

## THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod opened with religious services conducted by Rev. D. I. Offman. Roll was called.

On yesterday the sermon in the church was preached by Rev. R. A. Yoder—text, Ps. 32, 5. At the same hour Rev. J. C. Moser preached in the grove—text, Matt. 5, 16. After preaching, the holy communion was celebrated. In the afternoon some Sunday-school addresses were made.

The following members arrived since last session: Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Rev. D. A. Goodman, Louis Shealy, C. M. Yoder, W. L. Plonk, Prof. S. A. Wolf, and A. P. Rhyne.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Elon O. Henkel. The report was received and placed into the hands of the proper committee.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. PAUL STIREWALT, TREASURER,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1893. | | DR. | |
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| Sept. | 26. | To balance on hand from last year's report | $259 99 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. R. Peterson's pastorate | 35 90 |
| | | To cash of Rev. S. Henkel's pastorate | 54 45 |
| | | To cash of Rev. A. L. Crouse's pastorate | 10 00 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's pastorate | 51 08 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. C. Moser's pastorate | 10 00 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. G. Schaid's pastorate | 20 00 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. A. Cromer's pastorate | 10 25 |
| | | To cash of Rev. R. A. Yoder's pastorate | 18 00 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. S. Koiner's pastorate | 2 00 |
| | | To cash of Rev. W. P. Cline's pastorate | 13 40 |
| | | To cash of Rev. D. J. Settlemyre's pastorate | 20 50 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. A. Rudisill's pastorate | 6 81 |
| | | To cash of Rev. P. C. Wike's pastorate | 48 75 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. P. Price's pastorate | 20 00 |
| | | To cash of Rev. W. L. Darr's pastorate | 23 90 |

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| Sept. | 26. | To cash of Rev. J. P. Miller's pastorate . . . . . | 7 50 |
| | | To cash of Rev. A. L. Boliek's pastorate . . . . | 20 00 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. J. George's pastorate, for Pastors' Fund . . . . . | 4 14 |
| | | To cash of Rev. F. C. Oberly's pastorate. . . . | 17 65 |
| | | To cash of Arthur M. Pence, to reimburse Synod for his appropriation . . . . . | 40 50 |
| | | To cash of Rev. J. C. Wessinger for one ordination certificate . . . . . | 25 |
| | | Total amt. recd. for all purposes . . . . . | $695 07 |
| Sept. | 21. | To amt. recd. of Rev. E. L. Lybrand's pastorate . | 34 00 |
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| Oct. | 5. | By check No. 1, to Rev. D. A. Sox, as per Rev. I. Conder's order, No. 1, vou. 1 . . . . . | $ 50 00 |
| Oct. | 16. | By cash per check No. 2, to Sidney S. Keisler, as per Rev. I. Conder's order, No. 2, vou. No. 2, balance of last year's appropriation . . . . . | 22 50 |
| Oct. | 16. | By cash for postage on letters at different times . | 10 |
| Oct. | 20. | By cash to Benj. F. Pence, part of appropriation by Synod as per order of Rev. I. Conder, order No. 3. Rev. R. H. Cline will furnish voucher—voucher 3 . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Oct. | 30. | By cash as per check No. 3, to Rev. A. L. Crouse, part of salary for this synodical year, as per order of Rev. I. Conder, No. 4, vou. 4 . . . . | 100 00 |
| Nov. | 1. | By cash per check No. 4, to Rev. John J. George, balance of appropriation by Synod in 1892, as per order of Rev. I. Conder, No. 5, vou. 5 . . . | 18 50 |
| Nov. | 3. | By cash to Benj. F. Pence, part of appropriation by Synod for this synodical year, as per order No. 3, vou. 6. . . . . | 5 00 |
| Nov. | 9. | By cash to Prof. W. H. Smith, balance due on tuition of beneficiary Arthur M. Pence, as per order No. 4, vou. 7 . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Nov. | 10. | By cash to Benj. F. Pence, part of appropriation by Synod for this synodical year, as per order No. 3, vou. 8 . . . . . | 20 00 |
| Nov. | 11. | By cash per check No. 5, to J. T. Craps, balance of appropriation by Synod for last year, as per order No. 5, vou. 9 . . . . . | 20 00 |

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| Nov. | 11. | By cash for postage on letters at different times. . | 12 |
| Dec. | 5. | By cash for postage on Minutes to Rev. J. N. Stirewalt . . . . . | 17 |
| Dec. | 27. | By cash per check No. 6, to Rev. D. A. Sox, as per order No. 6, vou. 10, of Rev. I. Conder, for services for the present synodical year. This amt. includes $25 from Emmanuel's church S. S. . . | 50 00 |
| Dec. | 26. | By cash per Rev. W. P. Cline to E. J. Sox, as per order of Rev. I. Conder, No. 7, vou. 11, in part only of amt . . . . . | 11 00 |
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| Jan. | 2. | By cash per check No. 7, to beneficiary E. J. Sox, as per order No. 7, of Rev. I. Conder, vou. 12, balance on order No. 7 . . . . . | 19 00 |
| Jan. | 24. | By cash per check No. 8, to beneficiary George A. Riser, as per order No. 8, of Rev. I. Conder—vou. 13 . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Jan. | 24. | By cash per check No. 9, to Rev. D. A. Sox, as per No. 9, of Rev. I. Conder for this year's salary—vou. 14 . . . . . | 20 00 |
| Jan. | 24. | By cash for postage on letters at different times . . | 12 |
| Jan. | 30. | By cash to Hon. H. S. Trout for South View Orphan Home, sent per Rev. F. C. Oberly direct—see vou. 14* . . . . . | 6 61 |
| Jan. | 30. | By cash to R. G. Chisolm, Treasurer Board of Missions of United Synod for mission work in said Synod, amt. sent per Rev. F. C. Oberly—vou. 14† | 3 32 |
| Feb. | 9. | By cash to Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes, postage, and express charges, part of bill—vou. 15, no order . . . . . | 30 00 |
| Feb. | 14. | By cash per check No. 10, to Rev. D. A. Sox, as per order No. 10 of Rev. I. Conder, for this year's salary—vou. 16 . . . . . | 50 00 |
| Mar. | 27. | By cash to Sidney S. Keisler, part of appropriation—vou. 17, order 10 . . . . . | 10 00 |
| April | 4. | By cash per check No. 11, to Joseph L. Cromer, as as per order No. 11 of Rev. I. Conder on his appropriation—vou. 18 . . . . . | 30 00 |
| April | 4. | By cash for postage on letters at different times . . | 14 |
| May | 30. | By cash per check No. 12, to Hon. H. S. Trout, for South View Orphan Home, as per directions of Rev. F. C. Oberly—vou. 19 . . . . . | 2 57 |

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| May | 30. | By cash per check No. 13, to R. G. Chisolm, 31 Pitt St., Charleston, S. C., Treas. Mission Board of the United Synod, for missions in said Synod, as per directions of Rev. F. C. Oberly—vou. 20 | 2 57 |
| May | 31. | By cash per check No. 14, to Rev. D. A. Sox, as per order No. 12 of Rev. I. Conder, for this year's salary—vou. 21 | 25 00 |
| May | 31. | By cash to Benj. F. Pence, part of appropriation by Synod last year, as per order of Rev. I. Conder, No. 13, vou. 22 | 20 00 |
| May | 31. | By cash per check No. 15, to Geo. A. Riser, part of appropriation, as per order No. 14, vou. 23 | 17 50 |
| May | 31. | By cash for postage at different times | 12 |
| June | 7. | By cash to Sidney S. Keisler, part of appropriation, order 10, vou. 24 | 10 00 |
| Aug. | 10. | By cash per money order to Geo. A. Riser, part of appropriation, as per order No. 14, vou. 25 | 6 00 |
| Aug. | 10. | By cash for money order fee and postage at different times | 16 |
| Aug. | 31. | By cash to Benj. F. Pence, balance of appropriation by Synod of last year, as per order of Rev. I. Conder, No. 13, vou. 26 | 30 00 |
| Sept. | 13. | By check to Rev. D. A. Sox, as per order No. 14, no vou. rec. as yet for this amt., part of this year's salary | 50 01 |
| | | Credits for all purposes | $690 51 |
| | | Amt. to balance | 4 56 |
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| To amt. of Rev. E. L. Lybrand | $ 34 00 |
| To balance on hand in general treasury | 42 |
| To cash in treasury for Pastors' Fund | 4 14 |
| To cash of St. Mark's E. L. congregation, Luray, Va., Rev. Oberly, pastor, on apportionment | 5 28 |
| To cash rec'd of J. P. Stirewalt's pastorate included in his apportionment since account was balanced | 1 60 |
| Total amt. on hand and subject to the order of Synod | $ 45 44 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. PAUL STIREWALT, TREASURER
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

The following note of explanation was ordered to be appended to the Treasurer's Report :

Owing to the absence of the former Treasurer, various amounts which should appear in the above report have been excluded. Those interested in these amounts are referred to the Parochial Reports appended to these Minutes ; and these amounts will also appear properly credited in the next report of the Treasurer.

It was ordered that another line be added at the end of the Parochial Reports for the number of Minutes wanted.

It was moved and carried that the next convention of this Synod meet on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in September, 1895.

The arrival of the following delegates was noted : W. C. Shealy, G. H. Schwartz, and Dr. J. W. Eargle.

The following resolution, fixing the synodical year, was passed :

*Resolved*, That the 31st of August, of each year, be made the termination of the synodical year, and that all ministerial reports be made to comply therewith.

Rev. R. A. Yoder read the following report :

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to report that the following papers, addressed to this Synod, have been placed into our hands :

### I. PETITIONS PRAYING FOR ORDINATON.

*A* is a petition from St. Andrew's congregation, Hickory, N. C., praying for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of their pastor, Prof. R. L. Fritz. We recommend that the petition be granted.

*B* is a petition from St. Paul's congregation, Hot Springs county, Arkansas, praying for the examination and, if found qualified, the ordination of Mr. S. S. Keisler ; and they also ask for his service. We recommend that this petition be granted.

II. PETITIONS OF CONGREGATIONS PRAYING TO BE RECEIVED INTO THIS SYNOD.

*A* is a petition from St. Paul's E. L. congregation, Hot Springs county, Arkansas, asking to be received into connection with this Synod. They state that they have adopted the constitution recommended by the North Carolina Conference of the E. L. Tennessee Synod. We recommend that this petition be granted.

*B* is a similar petition from St John's congregation, Lexington county, S. C., stating that they have organized a congregation and readily subscribe the constitution of the Tennessee Synod. We recommend that the petition be granted.

III. LETTERS FROM PASTORS ASKING TO BE EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE AT THIS SESSION OF SYNOD.

*A* is a letter from Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., stating that the condition of his health is such as to prevent him from attending this session. We recommend that he be excused for non-attendance, and that his letter be read to Synod.

*B* is a letter from Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, stating that his finances will not allow his attending this session. We recommend that he be not excused.

*C* is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, stating that his feeble state of health prevents his attendance. We recommend that he be excused.

*D* is a similar one from Rev. J. R. Peterson, who recommends moderation in all discussions. We recommend that he be excused.

*E* is a letter from Rev. Jacob Wike, asking to be excused for non-attendance because of want of means. We recommend that he be not excused.

*F* is a letter from Rev. J. K. Efird, stating that the long distance prevents his attendance. We recommend that he be excused, and that his letter be read before Synod.

IV. PETITIONS FROM CONGREGATIONS ASKING SYNOD TO SEVER ITS CONNECTION FROM THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

*A* is a petition from St. John's and Concordia congregations, Catawba county, N. C., asking this Synod to withdraw from the United Synod of the South for the following reasons :

I. The United Synod of the South has refused to adopt item No. 3 of By-Laws, submitted to the Synod for adoption, *relative to the so-called Four Points.*

II. The Tennessee Synod has protested in vain against the failure of the United Synod of the South to take said action.

III. The Tennessee Synod is thereby placed in the position of belonging to a general body with which she does not co-operate in church work, nor with which she can consistently co-operate *on account of previous action.*

*B* is a similar petition from Sharon congregation, Iredell county, N. C.

*C* is a similar one from St. Paul's, St. Peter's, and Bethel congregations, Catawba county, N. C.

*D* is a similar one from Friendship, Salem, and St. Paul's congregations, Alexander county, N. C.

With reference to all these petitions, asking that this Synod withdraw from the United Synod of the South, we recommend that the Synod grant the petition, and that we do now by this action withdraw.

V. PETITIONS FROM CONGREGATIONS ASKING SYNOD TO FORMULATE HER POSITION ON THE DOCTRINES OF ELECTION AND CONVERSION.

*A* is a petition from St. John's and Concordia congregations, Catawba county, N. C., asking Synod to formulate her position on the doctrines of *Election* and *Conversion*.

*B* is a petition from Sharon congregation, Iredell county, N. C., of similar import.

*C* is a similar petition from St. Paul's, St. Peter's, and Bethel congregations, Catawba county, N. C.

*D* is a similar petition from Friendship, Salem, and St. Paul's congregations, Alexander county, N. C.

With reference to these petitions, asking Synod to state her position on these doctrines, we recommend that a committee of five ministers be appointed to state the doctrine on the subject of *Election*, in clear, concise, and unequivocal terms, and present it to this meeting of Synod.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

*A* is a petition from Melanchthon's congregation, Randolph county, N. C., asking Synod to hold its next convention with them.

*B* is a letter of dismissal from the Indiana Synod of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt to the Tennessee Synod. We recommend that he be received into connection with this Synod.

*C* is a letter from Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., delegate of the North Carolina Synod to this body, expressing the fraternal feelings of that body to us, and his regrets that he could not meet with us in person. We recommend that his letter be read to Synod.

*D* is a report of the South View Orphans' Home. We recommend that it be read to Synod.

*E* is a letter from Rev. L. E. Busby, delegate from South Carolina Synod to this Synod, conveying fraternal greetings of that body, and

regretting that he can not be present in person We recommend that his letter be read before Synod. Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
J. P. PRICE,
J. W. SUMMER.

Item 1 (*a* and *b*). Recommendations sustained.

Item 2 (*a* and *b*). Recommendations sustained.

Item 3 (*a*). Recommendation sustained.

Item 3 (*b*). Pending the discussion of this item, Synod adjourned for divine service.

Sermon by Rev. J. F. Moser. Text, 1 Cor. 16 : 2. Recess of one hour.

## FOURTH SESSION.

Synod was called to order by the President. The presence of Revs. W. A. Deaton, J. F. Kiser, and S. C. Balentine was noted.

The arrival of Rev. S. S. Rahn and delegate H. P. Metz was noted.

The Report on Letters and Petitions was again taken up.

Item 3 (*b*). Further discussion. Recommendation not sustained. Letter read.

Item 3 (*c* and *d*). Recommendations sustained. Letters read.

Item 3 (*e*). Recommendation not sustained.

Item 3 (*f*). Recommendation sustained. Letter read.

Item 4 (*a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*). Recommendation discussed. Not sustained by a vote of 31 vs. 20. This action disposed of item 3 of Report of Committee on President's Report.

Item 5 (*a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*). Synod adjourned, pending the discussion of this item.

Prayer and benediction by the President.

## FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod called to order by the President. Religious services conducted by Rev. D. A. Sox. The minutes of all previous sessions of this convention were read, corrected, and adopted.

Item 5 (*a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*) of Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions was discussed at some length. The motion was finally put, and the recommendation was not sustained by a vote of 26 vs. 21. The following paper was however offered as a kind of substitute for the recommendation of the committee, and was adopted :

*Resolved*, That a committee of five ministers shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to draw up and have published in *Our Church Paper* a declaration of the position of the Tennessee Synod relative to the doctrine of Election, and that said committee publish said declaration as soon as possible after the adjournment of this Synod, to be submitted to the next annual convention for consideration.

The following is the committee appointed by the chair to do this duty : Revs. R. A. Yoder, A. L. Crouse, W. P. Cline, J. M. Smith, and J. C. Moser.

Synod adjourned for divine service. Missionary sermon by Rev. S. S. Rahn. Text, St. Mark 16 : 15–20. Recess of one hour.

## SIXTH SESSION.

House was called to order by the President. The following members were excused from further attendance during this convention : Rev. J. M. Smith, Prof. S. A. Wolf, J. T. Cline, and T. P. Cloninger.

Committee's Report on Letters and Petitions again taken up.

Item 6 (*a*). Action deferred.

Item 6 (*b* and *c*). Recommendations sustained. Letters read.

Item 6 (*d*). Recommendation sustained. Report read.

Item 6 (*e*). Recommendation sustained. Letter read.

The place for next convention of Synod was left to be hereafter determined upon by the officers of Synod.

This action disposed of item 6 (*a*) of Report on Letters and Petitions. The Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as a whole.

Item 3 of Report of Committee on President's Report, viz., relative to withdrawal from the United Synod, was disposed of by action on item 4 (*a*, *b*, *c*, *d*,) of Report on Letters and Petitions. The Report of Committee on President's Report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Synodical Apportionment reported as follows: The Committee on Synodical Apportionment make the following recommendations for the consideration of Synod:

SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENT.

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| J. R. Peterson | $20 | R. A. Yoder | $50 |
| S. Henkel | 35 | W. P. Cline | 20 |
| J. M. Smith | 50 | Sharon cong., Iredell Co | 10 |
| F. C. Oberly | 15 | J. P. Price | 20 |
| L. A. Bikle | 20 | W. L. Darr | 30 |
| D. A. Sox | 10 | D. I. Offman | 10 |
| J. A. Rudisill | 60 | J. P. Miller | 20 |
| J. F. Moser | 20 | J. G. Schaid | 25 |
| R. H. Cline | 40 | D. J. Settlemyre | 35 |
| P. C. Wike | 40 | Jacob Wike | 20 |
| I. Conder | 15 | A. R. Beck | 20 |
| J. N. Stirewalt | 50 | Concordia cong., Conover, N.C | 10 |
| A. L. Crouse | 30 | St. John's, Catawba Co., N. C | 10 |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 60 | S. L. Nease | 25 |
| J. C. Moser | 50 | A. L. Boliek | 20 |
| J. J. George | 25 | G. E. Long | 15 |
| S. S. Rahn | 25 | D. A. Goodman | 10 |

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| J. W. Hausenfluck | $40 | R. L. Fritz | $15 |
| J. A. Cromer | 45 | S. S. Keisler | 5 |
| E. L. Lybrand | 45 | | |

J. J. GEORGE,
P. C. WIKE,
S. L. NEASE.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on the Treasurer's Report, have examined said report, and found vouchers to correspond with disbursements, with exception of one amount of $34.00 received from Rev. E. L. Lybrand's pastorate, which was paid after the Treasurer's Report had been forwarded to Synod by the Treasurer. The Synod now has a total amount in the hands of the Treasurer of $45.44.

J. J. GEORGE,
A. COSTNER,
ELON O. HENKEL.

## REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Examination, report that we have examined candidates R. L. Fritz and S. S. Keisler as to their qualifications to bear the office of the holy ministry, and having found them well qualified, we recommend their ordination to the sacred office to which they have been called. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,
E. L. LYBRAND,
J. A. RUDISILL,
WM. L. DARR.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Church Institutions, beg leave to submit the following report:

There are within the bounds of our Synod a goodly number of schools, under the care of our pastors and people. Whilst we have no synodical school, we yet deem it important to inform our people with regard to these schools.

The Summit High School, located at Summit, South Carolina, Rev. Prof. E. L. Lybrand, principal, is a chartered institution with full powers and privileges to award distinctions and grant diplomas. This school is a co-educational institution, and well deserves the patronage of our people.

The Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Virginia. This is a chartered institution for both sexes. It is well conducted, and is in a prosperous condition. It is worthy of the attention and patronage of those who are seeking a liberal education.

The Von Bora Female College, Luray, Virginia, has an encouraging outlook under the care of its efficient president, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt. It merits the attention and patronage of those who have girls to educate.

Lenoir College, Hickory, North Carolina, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, president, is located in one of the most beautiful parts of Hickory, a thriving little city in Western North Carolina. This school is enjoying a good degree of prosperity. Much earnest and efficient work is done in this school, and it is worthy of the favorable consideration and liberal patronage of our Synod. Most of our theological students attend this institution, and are faithfully instructed in theology.

Cherryville Academy, Cherryville, North Carolina, a school of commendable grade, was founded by its principal, Rev. Prof. J. J. George, in the year 1894, and is receiving an encouraging patronage, and well merits the encouragement and patronage of that community.

Gaston Female College, Dallas, North Carolina, Rev. Prof. S. S. Rahn, president, is in a prosperous condition, and is worthy of the attention of those who have daughters to educate.

Holly Grove Academy, Ilex, North Carolina, Rev. Prof. A. R. Beck, principal, is enjoying a good patronage, and deserves the favorable attention of that community.

Ridge Academy was founded by Revs. J. A. Rudisill and J. C. Wessinger, in the year 1894, and is receiving an encouraging support. This school is well conducted by these young brethren, and should receive the liberal patronage of that community.

We understand that Concordia congregation, Conover, North Carolina, and Sharon congregation, Iredell county, North Carolina, have established parochial schools.

There is also a parochial school in St. Luke's congregation, Monroe, North Carolina, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. F. Moser.

We commend the spirit of these congregations in establishing such schools to the congregations of the Tennessee Synod.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SETTLEMYRE,
G. E. LONG,
R. L. FRITZ.

The Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was read and considered by items.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

1. On page 10 of last Minutes, we find a committee, consisting of Revs. J. S. Koiner and J. I. Miller, was continued with instructions to formulate a plan for church extension, and report at this meeting of Synod. Is this committee ready to report?

2. On page 15, we find a resolution, making it the duty of a committee, consisting of Revs. J. C. Moser, R. A. Yoder, and J. P. Miller, to visit the petitioners of St. John's congregation, Catawba county, North Carolina, to investigate and give such advice as they deem proper in their difficulty. Has this been complied with?

3. On page 40, Revs. W. P. Cline, J. P. Stirewalt, and J. G. Schaid were appointed a committee to formulate and report at this meeting of Synod a plan relative to the support of the aged and infirm ministers. Is this committee ready to report?

4. On page 42, we find that a committee, consisting of Revs. P. C. Wike, J. A. Rudisill, and J. A. Cromer, was appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College, Hickory, North Carolina, and make diligent and careful investigation of its financial condition, the property it possesses, its management, and moral and doctrinal basis upon which it has been founded, and report the same at this meeting of Synod. Has this committee done its work?

5. On page 43, Revs. R. A. Yoder, A. L. Crouse, and P. C. Wike were appointed a committee to have the sermon on Missions, preached by Rev. J. C. Moser at the last meeting of Synod, published for sale. Has this been complied with?

J. A. RUDISILL,
A. R. BECK,
W. P. CARPENTER.

Item 1. No report. The name of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt was substituted for that of Rev. J. I. Miller, and the committee continued.

Item 2. Duty done. Committee discharged.

Item 3. Complied with, and the following regulations read and adopted:

## RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF AGED AND DISABLED PASTORS.

1. All contributions to this fund shall be paid to the Treasurer of Synod, who shall report, account for them, and pay them out as he does other funds of Synod.

2. Pastors failing to contribute shall be reported to Synod by the Treasurer, and shall state their reason for so doing publicly to Synod, and if Synod deem their excuse valid, they may be excused for that time.

3. The Synod's Mission Board shall be administrator of this Fund.

4. Applications for aid shall be made to this Board; they shall investigate the same, and afford such relief as they think proper, not exceeding two hundred ($200) dollars per annum to any one person.

The following members were excused from further attendance upon this meeting: A. P. Rhyne, A. Costner, M. L. Cline, Wm. Plonk, and C. F. Conrad.

Consideration of Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was continued.

Item 4. Answered by following report:

We, your committee appointed at the last convention of this body to confer with the trustees of Lenoir College with a view of bringing it into closer relation with our Synod, submit the following: We visited said College with a view to discharge the enjoined duty. But as no overtures were made to us by the trustees we conferred with, on account of the disturbed condition of our church in that part of North Carolina, we deemed it unnecessary to take further steps at this time to carry out the wishes of Synod. We recommend that a similar committee be appointed to discharge said duty as enjoined in resolutions 1, 2, and 3, on page 42 of Minutes of 1893; and submit their report to the next convention of this body.

Submitted, P. C. WIKE,
J. A. RUDISILL,
J. A. CROMER.

This same committee was continued to report further at next convention of Synod.

Item 5. Not complied with. Committee discharged.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the President call a colloquium of the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, at some suitable place in North Carolina, on Thursday before the time of meeting of next convention of Synod, to consider the declaration on the doctrine of Election, to be reported by the committee appointed by this Synod.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. W. L. Darr, was adopted :

WHEREAS, God in the infinitude of his mercy granted perpetuity, integrity, and identity to the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod through these long years, fraught with many conflicts and trials in her struggle for the truth as it is in Christ Jesus ; and

WHEREAS, Next year (1895) the protecting wing of our loving Father overshadowing her, will chronicle the seventy-fifth anniversary of her existence ; and

WHEREAS, The great Head of the Church should have rendered unto His holy name due homage, praise, and adoration for all His mercies and benefits, and that we should be encouraged in our tenacity to and efforts for the preservation of the Cross and Reformation ; therefore, be it

*Resolved* 1. That this Synod celebrate, with appropriate exercises, the seventy-fifth anniversary of her organization, on the afternoon of the Lord's Day embraced by her next annual convention.

2. That to this end there be three of her members appointed, with three alternates, to speak of her labors and successes, her conflicts and triumphs, her heroes, etc., during each successive quarter century of her history.

3. That Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., (with Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, alternate,) present the first quarter ; Hon. H. A. Meetze (Rev. E. L. Lybrand, alternate) second quarter ; Rev. J. C. Moser (Rev. A. L. Crouse, alternate) third quarter.

Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, was received as an advisory member.

Synod adjourned. Prayer and benediction by the President.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. W. L. Darr.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, corrected, and adopted.

The following members were excused from further attendance during this convention: Rev. D. J. Settlemyre, Rev. A. R. Beck, and W. P. Carpenter.

In reference to co-operation with the United Synod in its mission work the same resolution was adopted this year as last. It reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Under the present condition of things, we cannot consistently, as a Synod, take any special action in regard to the mission work, foreign or home, under the care of the United Synod, we trust the different ministers and congregations will pursue such a course relative to this important matter, as they may deem proper.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we hereafter have a standing committee on excuses. This committee was immediately appointed, and consists of the following: Revs. P. C. Wike, W. P. Cline, and Wm. L. Darr.

A verbal report was heard from our missionary in Alabama, Rev. D. A. Sox. For want of sufficient support Rev. Sox resigned as Synod's missionary. His resignation was accepted. The Treasurer was ordered to pay Rev. D. A. Sox $150, balance due on salary for the synodical year ending September, 1893. This amount is to be paid first of all Synod's dues, after which all back obligations of Synod are to be paid *pro rata* as the funds are secured.

Synod adjourned for divine service. Rev. J. C. Moser preached the ordination sermon, immediately after which Prof. R. L. Fritz and S. S. Keisler were ordained to the office of the holy ministry.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

Synod met, house called to order by the President.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to the next convention of the United Synod: Rev. W. P. Cline, Rev. J. A. Cromer, and Elon O. Henkel.

The following delegates were nominated and elected:

## VIRGINIA.

| PRINCIPALS. Ministerial. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| Dr. S. Henkel | J. P. Stirewalt, |
| P. C. Wike | R. H. Cline. |

| PRINCIPALS. Lay. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| Ambrose L. Henkel | Elon O. Henkel, |
| Aaron Shutters | J. D. Printz. |

## NORTH CAROLINA.

| PRINCIPALS. Ministerial. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| J. C. Moser | W. P. Cline, |
| J. A. Rudisill | D. I. Offman, |
| J. M. Smith | A. L. Crouse, |
| J. J. George | D. J. Settlemyre. |

| PRINCIPALS. Lay. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| C. J. Deal | W. A. Beck, |
| G. W. Rabb | J. A. Mauney, |
| A. P. Rhyne | S. W. Probst. |

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

| PRINCIPALS. Ministerial. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| E. L. Lybrand | J. A. Cromer, |
| W. L. Darr | S. L. Nease. |

| PRINCIPALS. Lay. | ALTERNATES. |
|---|---|
| C. M. Efird | D. F. Efird, |
| D. C. Boland | Dr. J. W. Eargle. |

The following were appointed a committee to name subjects and nominate speakers for special sermons at next convention of Synod: Revs. R. A. Yoder, J. G. Schaid, and J. A. Rudisill.

The following nominations were made by the committee and approved by Synod:

*Ordination Sermon.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., J. G. Schaid.

*Missions.*—Revs. J. Paul Stirewalt, S. L. Nease.

*Lord's Supper.*—Revs. W. L. Darr, P. C. Wike.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, submit the following: Owing to the failure of the councils of a large majority of the

congregations of the Synod to furnish your committee data for a satisfactory report, we offer the following :

I. SOUTH CAROLINA.

Our brethren in South Carolina, as far as reports indicate, are in peace and a commendable state of progress. They are engaged in local mission work. With no vacant congregations, the Gospel is preached and the sacraments regularly administered to all our congregations in said State. Instruction of the young in Sunday-schools and in the catechetical class is carried on with zeal and encouraging progress. The attendance on the regular services is not as full as it should be. The spirit of Christian education is growing.

II. NORTH CAROLINA.

Your committee has information from but four congregations in North Carolina. These are in Davidson, Randolph, and Guilford counties. These are pleased with their pastors and seem to be progressing in spiritual matters. One of them, Melanchthon, has recently built a parsonage at an expense of $600.00. From other sources than through the councils we learn that many of our congregations in North Carolina are in a disturbed condition. This is much deplored. But notwithstanding the discouraging state of things, our Conference in North Carolina seems to be doing a good work in supporting the several missions, in instructing the young, and making provision for vacant congregations in her bounds. The schools under the management of our pastors in North Carolina are flourishing, notwithstanding the stringent condition of finances. Let us devoutly implore our God to overrule all disturbance to the glory of his most holy name.

III. VIRGINIA.

In Virginia, our church is in a prosperous condition. At this time there are several vacant congregations in our conference, but hope for more pastors soon to fill the vacancies. We need more laborers. The pastors of the Virginia Conference labor in peace and harmony. The young are regularly instructed in the doctrines of our church. The attendance upon divine services is good, but could be much better. Indifference will exist in some. The mission work in Virginia is doing fairly well. The borders are being extended as rapidly as possible. Part of mission work is now vacant. Mission work is carried on in three counties, and services held at five stations. At three of these places congregations are organized. At two of them, churches are being built, and will likely be completed during the ensuing synodical year. Many of our people are growing in liberality in the support of

missions. The Virginia Conference is pledged for $750.00 for the support of her local mission work for the present conferential year.

Submitted,

P. C. WIKE,
W. P. CLINE.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we recognize our obligation to the members and friends of St. John's congregation for their kindness and hospitality during our sojourn with them, and would return our sincere thanks for the same.

The following appropriations to beneficiary students were made: Benjamin F. Pence, $80; J. L. Cromer, $30; E. J. Sox, $50; Geo. A. Riser, $60.

Relative to Synod's theological work for the next year, the following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the theological work under control of the Tennessee Synod now being done at Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., be discontinued until further action of Synod.

Rev. J. C. Moser was requested to furnish a copy of his Ordination Sermon, delivered at this convention of Synod, to *Our Church Paper* for publication.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time appointed and the place which shall hereafter be designated by the officers.

Religious services conducted by the President, using the service for closing Synod laid down in the new edition of the Church Book.

J. P. MILLER, SECRETARY.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ARKANSAS.

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY.—St. Paul's.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael, Emmanuel.
CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas, Mt. Horeb, Holy Trinity, Mt. Tabor, St. John.
RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew.
NEWBERRY COUNTY.—Holy Trinity.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.
ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh, St. Paul.
BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.

CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Trinity.

CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Mt. Gilead.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy, Mt. Olive, St. Andrew.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin, St. John's.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon, Cedar Grove, and David's Chapel.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark, Phanuel.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin, Zion.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel, St. Luke.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel, St. Paul.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. Luke (Alma), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

CULPEPER COUNTY.—Trinity.

Total, 116.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved 1.* That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to take up in each of his congregations collections for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod; and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory

reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

*Resolved 2.* That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

*Resolved 3.* That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved 4.* That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all of their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 5.* That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the synodical year, to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 6.* That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved 7.* That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved 8.* That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved 9.* That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved 10.* That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our ministers to ask their congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved 11.* That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved 12.* That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved 13.* That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved 14.* That the chairmen of the Executive Committee of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the Missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved 15.* That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Board of Missions.

*Resolved 16.* That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved 17.* That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and, if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved 18.* That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved 19.* That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 20.* That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

# PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| PASTORS. | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Received by Letter. | Transfers. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday-schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Synodical Apportionment. | Synodical Fund. | Conf. Missions. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. | Foreign Missions. | Minutes Wanted. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J. R. Peterson | 1843 | 4 | 220 | . . . | . | 18 | 25 | . | 7 | 3 | . | 3 | 14 | 132 | . . | $24 00 | $27 15 | $250 00 | . . . . | . . | . . |
| T. Moser | 1844 | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | . . |
| S. Henkel | 1850 | 2 | 280 | 540 | 10 | 15 | 18 | 9 | . | 15 | . | 2 | 14 | 177 | . . | 25 00 | 10 00 | . . . . | $550 00 | 5 00 | 35 |
| C. H. Bernheim | 1855 | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | . . |
| J. M. Smith | 1856 | 3 | 325 | . . . | . | 43 | 14 | 2 | . | 10 | . | . | . | . | . . | 2 00 | 13 00 | 260 00 | . . . . | . . | 20 |
| J. I. Miller | 1858 | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | . . |
| L. A. Bikle | 1859 | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | . . |
| I. Conder | 1861 | 3 | 89 | 128 | 1 | 2 | 2 | . | 1 | 2 | . | 1 | 5 | 40 | . . | . . | 17 86 | 80 00 | . . . . | . . | . . |
| A. L. Crouse | 1871 | 1 | 243 | 461 | . | 19 | . | 15 | . | 5 | . | 1 | 11 | 148 | . . | 31 56 | 9 50 | 200 00 | . . . . | . . | 35 |
| J. P. Stirewalt | 1873 | 4 | 556 | 947 | 2 | 34 | 35 | 2 | 7 | 29 | . | 4 | 28 | 266 | . . | 61 08 | 41 75 | 500 00 | . . . . | . . | 40 |
| J. C. Moser | 1873 | 3 | 450 | 760 | 2 | 42 | 30 | 8 | . | 7 | . | 3 | 25 | 350 | . . | 50 00 | 40 57 | 650 00 | 150 00 | . . | 80 |
| S. S. Rahn | 1874 | 2 | 200 | . . . | . | 12 | 1 | 1 | . | 5 | . | . | 10 | 90 | . . | . . | 10 00 | . . . . | . . . . | 14 50 | . . |
| J. G. Schaid | 1875 | 1 | 255 | 500 | . | 7 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 4 | 79 | . . | 20 00 | . . . | 320 00 | 832 75 | . . | 50 |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 1877 | 4 | 257 | 384 | 2 | 12 | 6 | . | . | 3 | . | 3 | 16 | 200 | . . | . . | 19 75 | 975 00 | 10 00 | . . | . . |
| J. A. Cromer | 1877 | 5 | 480 | 820 | . | 35 | 30 | 16 | 2 | 10 | . | 6 | 31 | 420 | . . | 50 00 | 26 00 | 350 00 | 740 00 | 6 00 | 115 |
| E. L. Lybrand | 1877 | 4 | 350 | 600 | 1 | 40 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 4 | . | . | 4 | 250 | . . | 35 00 | . . . | 400 00 | . . . . | . . | . . |
| J. K. Efird | 1877 | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | . . |
| R. A. Yoder | 1879 | 3 | 480 | 800 | 1 | 36 | 28 | . | . | 5 | . | 1 | 7 | 85 | . . | 35 00 | 25 00 | 350 00 | 750 00 | . . | 70 |
| J. S. Koiner | 1881 | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | . . |
| W. P. Cline | 1881 | 5 | 220 | 411 | 2 | 20 | 16 | 4 | . | 3 | . | 2 | 9 | 110 | . . | 20 00 | 8 00 | 200 00 | 70 00 | . . | 75 |
| D. A. Goodman | 1882 | 1 | 41 | 73 | 1 | 12 | 2 | . | . | 4 | . | 1 | 4 | 39 | . . | 3 40 | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | 20 |
| D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 | 2 | 200 | 400 | 1 | 24 | 17 | 6 | 2 | 2 | . | 2 | 10 | 150 | . . | 20 00 | 5 00 | 400 00 | . . . . | . . | 50 |
| D. A. Sox | 1883 | 3 | 98 | 150 | . | 6 | 5 | . | . | 2 | . | 2 | 8 | 150 | . . | 3 50 | 2 50 | 50 00 | 20 00 | . . | 15 |
| J. A. Rudisill* | 1883 | 5 | 697 | 1240 | 1 | 60 | 19 | . | 5 | 5 | . | 4 | 20 | 200 | . . | 60 00 | 21 50 | 500 00 | 100 00 | . . | 85 |
| R. H. Cline | 1885 | . | 150 | 450 | . | 15 | 6 | 1 | . | . | . | 1 | 8 | 75 | . . | 16 00 | 15 00 | 400 00 | 300 00 | . . | . . |
| P. C. Wike | 1886 | 4 | 310 | 585 | 2 | 30 | 15 | . | 3 | 12 | . | 3 | . | . | . . | 35 75 | 81 40 | 400 00 | 30 00 | . . | 55 |
| J. P. Price | 1888 | 3 | 151 | 382 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | . | . | 2 | 9 | 112 | . . | 18 00 | 9 25 | 291 00 | . . . | . . | 35 |
| J. F. Moser | 1889 | 2 | 70 | 120 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 4 | . | 1 | . | 2 | 12 | 80 | . . | 10 00 | 20 00 | 450 00 | . . . . | . . | 20 |
| W. L. Darr | 1889 | 4 | 450 | 684 | . | 26 | 26 | 9 | 11 | 9 | . | 4 | 26 | 175 | . . | 26 55 | . . . | 275 00 | 15 00 | . . | 75 |
| D. I. Offman | 1889 | 3 | . . | 235 | . | 6 | 4 | 3 | . | 3 | . | 2 | 6 | . | . . | . . . | . . . | 250 00 | 600 00 | . . | 40 |
| J. P. Miller | 1889 | 3 | 234 | 416 | . | 22 | 9 | 3 | . | 3 | . | 2 | 13 | 115 | . . | 20 00 | 20 00 | 200 00 | . . . . | . . | 55 |
| Jacob Wike | 1891 | 3 | 150 | 300 | . | 12 | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . . | . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | . . |
| A. L. Boliek | 1891 | 4 | 264 | 400 | 3 | 24 | 10 | . | 2 | 10 | . | 2 | . | . | . . | 20 00 | 8 81 | 250 00 | . . . . | . . | . . |
| S. L. Nease | 1892 | 2 | 329 | . . . | . | 5 | . | 1 | . | 5 | . | 3 | 19 | 196 | . . | 25 00 | . . . | 695 00 | . . . . | . . | 75 |
| F. C. Oberly | 1892 | 1 | 59 | . . . | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | . | . | 1 | 6 | 75 | . . | 7 86 | 9 20 | 850 00 | 19 18 | . . | . . |
| A. R. Beck† | 1892 | 2 | 140 | 275 | . | 3 | . | . | . | 2 | . | 1 | 4 | 65 | . . | 12 10 | . . . | 145 00 | 16 00 | . . | 20 |
| J. C. Wessinger | 1893 | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | . . |
| J. J. George | 1893 | 2 | 284 | 432 | 5 | 23 | 49 | 10 | . | 4 | . | 2 | 14 | 115 | . . | 18 00 | 35 00 | 50 44 | 172 97 | . . | 60 |
| G. E. Long | 1893 | . | . . | . . . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . | . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | . . |
| Total | | 88 | 8032 | 12493 | 37 | 622 | 404 | 107 | 49 | 164 | | 62 | 337 | 3894 | | $649 80 | $476 24 | $9741 44 | $7075 90 | 25 50 | 1125 |

*J C. Wessinger, assistant pastor. †This report extends only from January 1, 1894. The name of Rev. S. S. Rahn, Gastonia, N. C., should also appear on Ministerial Roll, page 3d. Since the above table was compiled, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Luray, Va., reports as follows: Entered the

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# MINUTES

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OF THE

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

# TENNESSEE SYNOD,

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Revs. A. R. BECK, J. C. MOSER, and P. C. WIKE.

*ON EXAMINATION:*

Revs. J. C. MOSER, J. R. PETERSON, J. A. CROMER, E. L. LYBRAND, I. CONDER, J. P. STIREWALT.

## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next convention will be held with Mt. Tabor congregation, New Brookland, S. C., beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., Thanksgiving day, 1897.

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ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,
NEAR TOM'S BROOK, VA.,
SATURDAY, 10 A. M., AUG. 22, 1896.

According to previous adjournment, the seventy-sixth convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met with St. Matthew's church, Tom's Brook, Va., at 10 o'clock a. m., August 22, 1896.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. P. C. Wike, *pastor loci* and retiring president. Text, Gen. 28, 17.

## MINISTERIAL ROLL.

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| Rev. J. R. Peterson | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser* | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D.* | New Market, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim† | Lexington, N. C. |
| " J. M. Smith† | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D.† | King's Mountain, N. C. |
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| " J. N. Stirewalt | Luray, Va. |
| " A. L. Crouse | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. P. Stirewalt | New Market, Va. |
| " Prof. J. C. Moser, D. D. | Hickory, N. C. |
| " S. S. Rahn, Ph. D | Monroe, N. C. |
| " J. A. Cromer | New Brookland, S. C. |
| " E. L. Lybrand* | New Brookland, S. C. |
| " Prof. R. A. Yoder | Hickory, N. C. |

* Absent and excused. † Absent—no action.

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| Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner | Luray, Va. |
| " D. A. Sox† | Tallapoosa, Ga. |
| " D. A. Goodman | Connelly Springs, N. C. |
| " J. W. Hausenfluck | Rockingham, Va. |
| " Prof. W. P. Cline | Hickory, N. C. |
| " D. J. Settlemyre* | Beecham, Ala. |
| " J. K. Efird | Manassas, Va. |
| " Prof. R. H. Cline | Shenandoah, Va. |
| " P. C. Wike | Chicago, Ill. |
| " D. C. Huffman† | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. P. Price* | Concord, N. C. |
| " J. F. Moser | Mt. Holly, N. C. |
| " W. L. Darr | Statesville, N. C. |
| " D. I. Offman | Melanchthon, N. C. |
| " J. P. Miller | China Grove, N. C. |
| " Jacob Wike | Chapin, S. C. |
| " A. R. Beck | Rightwell, S. C. |
| " A. L. Boliek | Headquarters, Va. |
| " G. E. Long† | Taylorsville, N. C. |
| " J. C. Wessinger* | Henry, N. C. |
| " J. J. George | Cherryville, N. C. |
| " Prof. R. L. Fritz* | Hickory, N. C. |
| " S. S. Keisler† | Ops, Arkansas. |
| " W. H. Roof* | Summit, S. C. |
| " J. L. Cromer | Hickory, N. C. |
| " E. J. Sox | Summit, S. C. |
| " J. L. Deaton | Brookside, N. C. |

## CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

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| Francis K. Roof | Columbia, S. C. |
| H. Julian Mathias | Lexington, S. C. |
| J. Allen Arndt | Chicago, Ill. |
| Cephas K. Lippard | Chicago, Ill. |
| George A. Riser | Newberry, S. C. |
| M. Luther Pence | Cootes's Store, Va. |
| J. T. Craps | Lewiedale, S. C. |
| W. J. Boger | Flow's, N. C. |
| John C. Deitz | Hickory, N. C. |

*Absent and excused. †Absent—no action.

## BENEFICIARIES.

John F. Hall . . . . . Mt. Jackson, Va.
Parker Conrad . . . . . Ilex, N. C.
Luther Fritz . . . . . Ilex, N. C.
George A. Riser . . . . . Newberry, S. C.
M. Luther Pence . . . . . Hickory, N. C.

## LAY-DELEGATES ENROLLED.

John M. Arndt—Shiloh, N. C.
John Eargle—St. Andrew's, St. Peter's, Zion, Emmanuel, Grace, S. C.
C. A. Little—Mt. Zion, N. C.
George W. Rabb—St. James, N. C.
D. H. Russell—Zion, Holy Trinity, N. C.
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C. K. Lippard—St. John's, St. Martin's, N. C.
Jacob G. Feller—St. Paul's, Va.
D. H. Bowman—Rader's, Va.
W. J. Tussing—St. Paul's, Va.
John D. Printz—Mt. Calvary, Va.
Paul Miller—Morning Star, Va.
Elon O. Henkel—Emmanuel, Va.
George Lohr—Mt. Zion, Va.
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John W. Bower—Zion's, Va.
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Robert C. Baker—St. Stephen's, Va.
J. P. Coverstone—St. David's, Va.
D. H. Sheets—Mt. Calvary, Va.
John H. Mooma—Morning Star, Va.
Ashby Hoffman—St. Luke's, Va.
William Helsey—St. Jacob's, Va.
Henry Wittig—Bethel, Va.

The President, Rev. P. C. Wike, read his annual report to Synod.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the kind providence of God we are assembled to perform the duties of the seventy-sixth convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod. The closing synodical year, with its successes and reverses, has passed into history. Its records are written in the book of God's everlasting remembrance. Now, in the opening of this convention and during its sessions, as we recount the past and deliberate for the welfare of Zion in the future, let us not forget the debt of gratitude we owe to God for his numberless blessings both physical and spiritual. Let us remember and act upon the principle that "*in unity there is strength.*" Let us labor to realize the truth of the Psalmist's words, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." With earnestness of soul let us implore the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our deliberations here and in all our labors and teachings in the future.

The long-suffering of God is manifest in preserving our ministerial ranks unbroken by death during the past synodical year. For such preservation, dear brethren, let us thank God and take courage, and serve him more faithfully while it is called today, for by and by the night cometh. May his goodness lead and encourage us to greater diligence and faithfulness to the glory of his blessed name and the coming of his kingdom.

Following is a brief statement of my official acts during the past year, with other matters of interest to Synod.

On April 30, 1896, I gave Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder an order on the Treasurer of Synod for the amount appropriated to him by Synod for theological instructions.

### RESIGNATIONS.

On January 16, 1896, Rev. J. L. Cromer informed me that he had resigned Shiloh, Sardis, and Philadelphia congregations in North Carolina.

On April 24, Rev. R. A. Yoder informed me that he had resigned St. James' in Catawba county, N. C., which took effect Jan. 1, 1896.

### CALLS ACCEPTED.

On January 16, Rev. J. L. Cromer notified me that he accepted a call to St. James' congregation, Catawba county, N. C.

On April 24, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder informed me that he accepted a call to become pastor of St. Andrew's congregation, Hickory, N. C.

Early in 1896, Rev. Jacob Wike informed me that he accepted a call to St. Jacob's pastorate in Lexington county, S. C.

On May 26, Rev. W. L. Darr notified me that he accepted a call to, and on April 27 took charge of, the Statesville pastorate, composed of St. Martin's, St. John's, and Mt. Hermon. The latter congregation he organized on the fourth Sunday of July with thirty-eight members.

Early in the spring, Rev. J. L. Deaton notified me that under the auspices of the North Carolina Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, he had accepted a call to and taken charge of the mission work in Watauga county, N. C.

Rev. R. H. Cline informed me that he accepted a call to McGaheysville, Va.

INSTALLATIONS.

By my request, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder installed Rev. J. L. Cromer as pastor of St. James and St. Timothy congregations, Catawba county, N. C., on the fourth Sunday in April, 1896.

By order of the President, on the fifth Sunday in May, Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline duly installed Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder as pastor of St. Andrew's, Hickory, N. C.

On the second Sunday of August, 1896, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder duly installed Rev. W. L. Darr as pastor of the Statesville charge in Iredell county, N. C.

During the year I have received the class standing of the following beneficiaries: George A. Riser, Newberry College, S. C.; M. L. Pence and Rev. E. J. Sox, Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C. It affords me pleasure to report to Synod that these young men have made very commendable progress.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Concluding, (1) I recommend that $100 be appropriated for the benefit of beneficiary M. L. Pence, during the ensuing synodical year.

(2) Also I recommend that St. Luke's E. L. congregation, Cleveland county, N. C., be admitted into Synod and placed on the roll of congregations.

(3) I recommend that Rev. J. L. Deaton, who was once transferred by this body to the Synod of the Northwest, be received upon his application from said synod.

Praying the great Head of the Church to overrule all our deliberations for the best, to knit us together even more closely in fraternal walk, and grant us that peace which passeth all understanding, I return to you the trust committed to my care.

Respectfully submitted, P. C. WIKE,

PRESIDENT E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Officers of Synod elected for ensuing year:

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, President.
Rev. John J. George, Recording Secretary.
Rev. A. R. Beck, Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treasurer.

The newly elected President took the chair, made some appropriate remarks, and appointed Revs. P. C. Wike and J. F. Moser as a committee on classification of papers.

Synod adjourned. Prayer and benediction by the President.

## SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2.30 P. M.

Synod met. President called convention to order. Secretary called the roll.

The President announced the following

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Church Institutions.*—Revs. J. F. Moser, Jacob Wike, and A. L. Boliek.

*On Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. C. K. Lippard, D. A. Goodman, and Mr. Elon O. Henkel.

*On Excuses.*—Revs. J. K. Efird and R. H. Cline.

*On Apportionment.*—Revs. J. A. Cromer, R. A. Yoder, and I. Conder.

*On President's Report.*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, R. H. Cline, and J. P. Miller.

*On State of the Church.*—Revs. A. R. Beck, J. C. Moser, and P. C. Wike.

*On Examination.*—Revs. J. C. Moser, J. R. Peterson, J. A. Cromer, E. L. Lybrand, I. Conder, and J. P. Stirewalt.

*On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. S. Koiner, W. P. Cline, and J. W. Hausenfluck.

*On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and W. L. Darr.

On motion, Rev. J. L. Deaton was received into Synod, and his name ordered to be placed on the clerical roll.

Calendar adopted for this convention of Synod: Business session from 9 o'clock to 11 a. m. Sermon at 11. Recess to 1.30. Business session from 1.30 till adjournment; hour for adjournment not fixed.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treasurer of Synod, read his report of the moneys received into his hands and the disbursements made by him during the past year.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. A. YODER, TREASURER,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

| 1895. | DR. | |
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| Sept. 28. | To amt. on hand and reported at last meeting of Synod | $139 79 |
| Sept. 28. | To amt. from Lutheran Chapel, Gaston Co., N. C. | 5 00 |
| Sept. 30. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Wessinger's charge: Trinity, $9.50; Bethphage, 5.25; Cedar Grove, 2.05; David's Chapel, 1.25 | 18 05 |
| Sept. 30. | To amt. from Rev. W. L. Darr, Ministers' Fund | 3 25 |
| Sept. 30. | To amt. from St. Peter's ch., Catawba Co., N. C., Minutes | 40 |
| Sept. 30. | To amt. from Rev. J. P. Price's charge: St. Martin's, Cabarrus Co., N. C., $10.00; Mt. Gilead, 3.85 | 13 85 |
| Sept. 30. | To amt. from St. John's, Cataw. Co., N. C., Minutes | 2 50 |
| Oct. 1. | To amt. from Rev. S. L. Nease's charge: Holy Trinity, Little Mountain, S. C., $10.00; St. John's, Lexington Co., S. C., 15.00; St. Peter's, Lexington Co., S. C., 20.00 | 45 00 |

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| Oct. | 1. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge, Lexington Co., S. C.: St. Peter's (Meetze's), $8.00; Midway schoolhouse, 4.00 | 12 00 |
| Oct. | 2. | To amt. from Rev. S. Henkel's charge, New Market | 16 00 |
| Oct. | 2. | To amt. from collection at St. Andrew's, at Synod | 11 00 |
| Oct. | 2. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Wike's ch., Mt. Calvary | 2 20 |
| Oct. | 2. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Wike, Ministers' Fund | 4 00 |
| Oct. | 2. | To amt. from Mr. J. K. Coffman, personal | 50 |
| Oct. | 2. | To amt. from Mr. John W. Peer, personal | 25 |
| Oct. | 6. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge, Grace, Catawba Co., N. C., Minutes, $2.60; General Fund, 5.00 | 7 60 |
| Oct. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. E. J. Sox, ordination certificate | 25 |
| Oct. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. W. H. Roof, ord. cert | 25 |
| Oct. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. D. A. Goodman's ch., Trinity | 7 00 |
| Oct. | 8. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Moser's charge, Newton | 5 00 |
| Nov. | 14. | To amt. from Daniel's ch., Lincoln Co., N. C., per Rev. E. J. Sox | 15 00 |
| Dec. | 13. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge: Young People's H. and F. M. Soc., St. Peter's (Meetze's), $3.00; Emmanuel's, 17.46; St. Andrew's, 8.00 | 28 46 |
| Dec. | 22. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge, St. James, Catawba Co., N. C. | 3 66 |
| 1896. | | | |
| Jan. | 6. | To amt. from Rev. S. S. Rahn's ch., Morning Star | 2 10 |
| Feb. | 2. | To amt. from Rev. J. L. Cromer's charge: Shiloh, $5.20; Sardis, 2.50 | 7 70 |
| Feb. | 5. | To amt. from Rev. J. P. Price's charge | 5 00 |
| Mar. | 17. | To amt. from "E. L.," personal, Newton, N. C. | 1 00 |
| Mar. | 28. | To amt. from Mrs. Rudisill, from Bethphage, Lincoln Co., N. C. | 2 15 |
| April | 7. | To amt. from Mrs. C. A. Little, Minutes of Synod | 10 |
| April | 9. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Moser's ch., Holy Trinity | 10 00 |
| April | 20. | To amt. from Rev. W. L. Darr's ch., Lex. Co., S. C. | 27 41 |
| April | 27. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Moser's charge, Zion | 5 00 |
| May | 2. | To amt. from Rev. A. R. Beck's ch., Dav. Co., N. C. | 11 00 |
| June | 14. | To amt. from St. Paul's, Catawba Co., N. C., per Rev. W. P. Cline | 5 00 |
| June | 30. | To amt. from Rev. J. J. George's ch., St. John's. | 15 00 |
| June | 30. | To amt. from Rev. J. J. George's ch., Pastors' Fund | 5 10 |
| July | 23. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge, Salem. | 5 00 |

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| July | 24. | To amt. from Mr. J. T. Miller, personal . . . . | 5 00 |
| July | 24. | To amt. from Daniel's, Lincoln Co., N. C., per M. L. Pence . . . . . | 11 50 |
| July | 28. | To amt. from St. Stephen's, Cataw. Co., Minutes, | 1 40 |
| July | 29. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Wike's charge: St. Paul's, Shenandoah Co., Va., $5.00; St. Stephen's, 1.00 | 6 00 |
| Aug. | 2. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's ch., Grace, Minutes | 2 50 |
| Aug. | 16. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Y.'s ch., Salem, Minutes | 2 00 |
| Aug. | 16. | To amt. from Rev. W. P. Cline's ch., Mt. Olive. . | 5 00 |
| Aug. | 18. | To amt. from Rev. J. P. Miller's charge . . . . . | 20 00 |
| Aug. | 18. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Moser's ch., Zion . . . . | 8 00 |
| Aug. | 19. | To amt. from Rev. J. C. Moser's ch., Holy Trinity | 5 00 |
| Aug. | 20. | To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder's ch., St. Andrew's | 5 00 |
| Aug. | 20. | To amt. from Rev. L. A. Bikle's ch., St. Mark's. . | 10 00 |
| Aug. | 22. | To amt. from Rev. J. L. Deaton's ch., Mt. Pleasant | 6 00 |
| Aug. | 22. | To amt. from Rev. W. L. Darr's ch., St. Martin's . | 5 50 |
| Aug. | 22. | To amt. from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's ch., St. Jacob's, Bethany . . . . . | 6 10 |
| Aug. | 22. | To amt. from Rev. J. A. Cromer's ch., Zion, $10.00; Grace, 1.65 . . . . . | 11 65 |
| Aug. | 22. | To amt. from Rev. W. L. Darr's Pastoral Fund . . | 3 50 |
| Aug. | 22. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Wike's ch., St. Matthew's, collection at Synod . . . . . | 17 83 |
| Aug. | 24. | To amt. from Rev. P. C. Wike's charge: St. Stephen's, $2.00; St. Matthew's, 3.50 . . . . . | 5 50 |
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| 1895. | | Cr. | |
| Oct. | 1. | By amt. paid Mr. Geo. A. Riser, per Rev. S. L. Nease, bal. in full of appro. 1894—vou. no. 1 . . | $ 36 00 |
| Oct. | 1. | By amt. paid Henkel & Co., bal. in full for printing Minutes of Synod, 1893—vou. no. 2 . . . . . | 28 20 |
| Oct. | 1. | By amt. paid Henkel & Co., part of bill for printing Minutes 1894—vou. no. 3 . . . . . | 16 80 |
| Oct. | 3. | By amt. paid Rev. Prof. A. L. Crouse, bal. in full for theological teaching, session '93-94—vou. no. 4 | 80 00 |
| Oct. | 3. | By amt. paid Rev. Prof. A. L. Crouse, printing parochial blanks, and postage on same—vou. no. 5 | 2 00 |
| Oct. | 8. | By amt. paid Rev. J. L. Cromer, bal. in full of all appropriations—vou. no. 6 . . . . . | 20 50 |
| Oct. | 8. | By amt. paid Rev. E. J. Sox on app. '95—vou. no. 7 | 25 00 |

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| Oct. | 8. | By amt. paid Mr. M. L. Pence on appro. for '95—vou. no. 8 . . . . . | 25 00 |
| Oct. | 8. | By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox, bal. in full of amt. appropriated for Alabama mission—vou. no. 9 . | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 11. | By amt. paid freight on Minutes of Synod—vou. no. 10 . . . . . | 1 07 |
| Dec. | 20. | By amt. paid exp. on Min. of Synod—vou. no. 11 | 2 41 |
| Dec. | 24. | By amt. paid Mr. M. L. Pence on appro. for '95—vou. no. 12 . . . . . | 25 00 |
| 1896. | | | |
| Jan. | 21. | By amt. paid Prof. J. P. Miller for postage on Minutes—no voucher for this amount . . . . . | 50 |
| Jan. | 24. | By amt. paid Rev. E. J. Sox on appro. for 1895—vou. no. 13 . . . . . | 10 00 |
| Feb. | 24. | By amt. paid Mr. Geo. A. Riser on appro. for '95—vou. no. 14 . . . . . | 20 00 |
| April | 8. | By amt. paid Rev. E. J. Sox on appro. for '95—vou. no. 15 . . . . . | 5 00 |
| May | 6. | By amt. paid Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder on theological teaching, as per order Pres. Synod—vou. no. 16 | 75 00 |
| June | 3. | By amt. paid Mr. M. L. Pence on appro. for '95—vou. no. 17 . . . . . | 10 00 |
| June | 3. | By amt. paid Rev. E. J. Sox, bal. in full of appro. for '95—vou. no. 18 . . . . . | 10 00 |
| July | 31. | By amt. paid Mr. M. L. Pence on appro. for '95—vou. no. 19 . . . . . | 40 00 |
| July | 31. | By amt. paid on exchange on checks, postoffice money orders, &c.—no voucher for this item . . | 1 10 |
| July | 31. | By amt. paid Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder on theological teaching (see order no. 16)—vou. no. 16 . . . . | 75 00 |
| | | | $513 58 |
| | | By balance . . . . . | 66 47 |
| | | | $580 05 |

Amt. due the fund for aged and infirm pastors . . . . . $ 35 54
Balance available for general fund . . . . . $ 30 93

The obligations of Synod as yet unpaid are as follows:

Rev. Prof. A. L. Crouse, ¾ mo. theological teaching . $25 00
Mr. Geo. A. Riser, bal. on appropriation for 1895 . . . 55 00
Henkel & Co., printing Minutes of 1894, balance . . 51 30
Henkel & Co., printing Minutes of 1895, balance . . 67 41

On motion, Mt. Hermon Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Iredell county, N. C., was received into Synod, and its name ordered to be placed on the congregational roll as soon as a formal request shall be made from said congregation to the Secretary of Synod.

Synod took the following action with reference to the location of the Lutheran College for Women at Charlotte, N. C.

It is with pleasure that we have heard of the location of a college for women under the auspices of the Lutheran church of the South, at Charlotte, N. C.; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we place on record our hearty appreciation of the same, and encourage our people to give it their co-operation and moral support.

On motion, Rev. R. A. Yoder was requested to read a letter from Rev. S. S. Keisler, a former beneficiary of Synod. The letter was read, and Rev. Yoder was continued with a view of collecting the debt, amounting to $400, and $73.40 interest to October 1, 1895.

At 4.35 p. m., Synod adjourned. Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. K. Efird.

## THIRD SESSION.

St. Matthew's Church,
Monday, 9 A. M., August 24.

Religious services conducted by Rev. W. L. Darr. Synod called to order by the President. Roll called by the Secretary. Minutes of previous sessions read, corrected, and adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, respectfully submit the following report:

1. On page 16, with reference to Pastor S. S. Keisler's withdrawal

from this Synod. Action having been taken, we deem any recommendation unnecessary.

2. On same page, we find the appointment of a committee, Rev. J. F. Moser, chairman, relative to securing and employing a missionary for the Synod. What has been done?

3. On page 18, we note that student H. A. Costner was referred to the Examining Committee. What did the committee do in regard to him?

4. On page 20, we find that a certain paper relative to a plan of church extension was deferred for consideration at this convention of Synod.

5. On page 26, we find that Mr. A. Luther Fritz was referred to the Examining Committee. What has been done?

6. On page 26, we find certain persons were nominated to be elected trustees of Lenoir College. Were they elected?

7. On page 30, we find a resolution instructing the Treasurer to pay Synod's obligations *pro rata*, except Henkel & Co. and Rev. A. L. Crouse, for the year 1893, who were to be paid first. Has this been done?

8. On page 30, we find that corresponding delegates were appointed to other Lutheran synods. Did they attend?

Respectfully submitted, J. P. STIREWALT,
J. K. EFIRD,
WM. L. DARR.

This report was considered by items.

1. Action already taken.

2. Nothing done—committee continued.

3. Nothing done—applicant never appeared before the Examining Committee.

4. Motion made to have the paper read before Synod. Synod ordered the report to be published in the Minutes for future action.

## PLAN FOR CHURCH EXTENSION.*

We, your committee, instructed to formulate and report a plan for Church Extension, would submit the following:

1. *The Principle.* Our principle in this branch of activity is to extend the pure Church of Christ and it only. The life of this Church

*Returned to committee by order of Synod with instructions to report at next annual convention.—J. P. MILLER, SECRETARY.

is maintained only in the communion of true believers, among whom the pure Word and Sacraments of the Lord are administered.

2. *The Objects.* Our objects in this work are, to establish congregations of true believers where there are none and where the Lord shall open to us a door; to aid those needing them in procuring church buildings; and to aid them in establishing Christian schools, and cemeteries.

3. *The System.* This work may be done,—(a) Through the personal labors of the several pastors, supported by the congregations and church councils; (b) By the conferences, where the parochial method may not be readily employed; or, (c) The Synod may engage in this work, where it may not be done by the first or the second method.

4. *The Means.* For attaining the objects herein set forth are needed money, lands, and other property. Every pastor or other officer who shall employ any means set apart for this work by the Congregation, the Conference, or the Synod, shall report such transaction to the body for which he acts. All moneys designed for these objects should be paid into the treasury of the body which shall apply them. All real estate obtained for these objects shall be duly secured for the use and possession of the church according to the law of the land.

J. S. KOINER,
J. N. STIREWALT,
COMMITTEE.

5. Complied with. Applicant received.

6. Complied with.

7. Complied with in part.

8. Yes, or communicated by letter.

The presence of Rev. L. K. Probst was noted. He was invited to speak on the mission work of the United Synod at 1.30 p. m.

Pending the discussion of a resolution, offered by Rev. J. S. Koiner, Synod adjourned for divine services. Benediction by Rev. J. K. Efird.

## FOURTH SESSION.

Synod reassembled at 1.30 p. m. President in the chair. Roll called.

The presence of Revs. L. L. Smith, A. G. Voigt, F. V. N. Painter, E. L. Wessinger, and F. Kuegele was noted.

On motion, Synod voted to give Rev. Painter an opportunity to present the claims of the South View Orphan Home.

At this point Rev. L. K. Probst made his address. Following the address of Rev. Probst, Rev. J. R. Peterson offered the following resolution, which was adopted by Synod:

*Resolved*, That we hereby rescind so much of the action heretofore taken by this Synod as prevents the co-operation of this Synod with the United Synod in the work of missions, both home and foreign, and other benevolent work.

The following resolution was also adopted:

*Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the address of Rev. L. K. Probst on the subject of the missionary work of the United Synod in the South, and that we earnestly recommend this work to our pastors and people, and do all we can to get our people to do their part for this work.

An opportunity was now given Rev. F. V. N. Painter, corresponding delegate of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, to extend the cordial greetings of said synod to this body, and to present the claims of the South View Orphan Home. By request of the President, the Secretary of the Synod expressed gratification at the cordial relations existing between the Southwestern Virginia Synod and the Tennessee Synod, and hoped that the South View Orphan Home might find sympathy and support from this Synod. Relative to this matter, the following resolution was offered by Rev. W. P. Cline, and adopted by Synod:

*Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the very excellent address of Prof. F. V. N. Painter in behalf of the Orphan Home of the United Synod, and hereby offer our hearty co-operation in behalf of this Home, and also will bring this important matter before our people and urge them to contribute liberally to the benefit of the Home in order to raise the amount of $210 asked from our Synod.

Synod now resumed consideration of the resolution, offered by Rev. Koiner during the morning session. As a sub-

stitute for all before Synod, Rev. P. C. Wike offered this paper, which was accepted by Rev. Koiner, and adopted by Synod :

*Resolved*, That when used with proper limitations and qualifications we do not condemn either the phrase "in view of faith" or "unto faith" in explaining the doctrine of Election, guarding the former against Synergistic inferences and the latter against Calvinistic tendencies.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

The papers placed in the hands of your committee are the following :

Class I. A. Is a petition from Salem congregation, Catawba county, N. C., asking to be received into connection with this Synod.

B. Is a similar petition from Ebenezer congregation, Catawba county, N. C.

Both these congregations have complied with the rules of the Synod in regard to the reception of congregations. We recommend that their petitions be granted.

Class II. A. Is a petition from Daniel's church, Lincoln county, N. C., asking for the examination and ordination of Candidate M. L. Pence to the office of pastor.

B. Is a petition from the council of Mt. Zion congregation, Shenandoah county, Va., asking for the examination and ordination of Candidate C. K. Lippard to the office of pastor.

C. Is a similar petition from the council of Emmanuel congregation, New Market, Va.

Class III. A. Is a petition from Cedar Grove church, Lexington county, S. C., asking for the next meeting of Synod to be held with that church.

B. Is a petition from Mt. Tabor church, New Brookland, S. C., asking that the next meeting of the Synod be held with that church.

Class IV. A. Is a letter from the Rev. J. G. Schaid, asking to be excused from this meeting of Synod, on the ground of great distance and expense ; and he also applies for a letter of dismissal from this Synod to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina. We recommend that both these requests be granted.

B. Is a letter from the Rev. F. C. Oberly, asking for a letter of dismissal to the Chicago Synod of the General Council. We recommend that his request be granted.

C. Is a letter from the Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., asking to be dismissed from our Synod with a view to connecting himself with the Synod of Virginia. We recommend that his request be granted.

Class V. A. Is a letter from Rev. J. P. Price; B., a letter from Rev. J. C. Wessinger; C., a letter from Rev. Prof. R. L. Fritz; D., a letter from Rev. W. H. Roof; E., a letter from Rev. E. L. Lybrand; F., a letter from Rev. D. J. Settlemyre, and G. is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, each asking to be excused for absence from this meeting of Synod. The reasons given in each case include financial inability to attend, and lead us to recommend that they each and all be excused.

Class VI. A. Is a letter from Candidate J. T. Craps, in which he asks for beneficiary aid.

B. Is a letter from Candidate Geo. A. Riser. We recommend that his letter be read before the Synod.

C. Is a letter from Rev. Prof. R. L. Fritz, in which he asks for the $50 appropriated for Beneficiary Luther Fritz last year, and also for $100 for the same object the ensuing year.

D. In the same letter, Prof. Fritz recommends Mr. Parker Conrad, of Davidson county, N. C., as a worthy young man who desires to study for the office of the ministry, and asking an appropriation of $100 for him.

Class VII. Is a letter from Rev. W. K. Frick, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, containing an honorable dismissal of Rev. J. L. Deaton to connect himself with this Synod. The Synod has already taken favorable action.

Class VIII. Is a group of letters from ministers and congregations, formerly but not now in fellowship with this Synod. We recommend that these papers be read before the Synod at a suitable time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. KOINER,
W. P. CLINE,
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,
COMMITTEE.

This report was considered by items.

*Class I.*

Item A. Sustained.

Item B. Sustained.

*Class II.*

Item A. In reference to this item Synod referred this matter to the members of the Committee on Examination in North Carolina, and ask them to examine Mr. M. L. Pence, and if they find him qualified, ordain him to the office of pastor.

Item B. At this point Candidate C. K. Lippard addressed Synod. He asked Synod to loan him $100, that he might prosecute his studies at some good theological seminary. The following pledges were made in the order in which they come: Rev. J. F. Moser, $10; Rev. John J. George, $10; Rev. J. C. Moser, $20; John M. Arndt, $5; Geo. W. Rabb, St. James's congregation, $10; Geo. Lohr, $10; Rev. Jacob Wike, $5; Elon O. Henkel, Emmanuel's congregation, $10; D. H. Russell, $2.50, paid; Rev. R. H. Cline, $5; Rev. W. P. Cline, $5; D. H. Bowman, personal, $2.50; C. A. Little, $2.50; Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, $2.50; Rev. W. L. Darr, $5.

In case this money is ever paid over to the Synod by Candidate C. K. Lippard, it shall go into the treasury of Synod for benevolence.

At 5.25 Synod adjourned. Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. L. Cromer.

## FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 A. M., AUG. 25, 1896.

Religious services conducted by Rev. E. J. Sox. Minutes read, corrected, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions resumed.

*Class III.*

Items A and B. Synod voted to hold its next annual convention with Mt. Tabor congregation, New Brookland, S. C. Time: 10 o'clock A. M., Thanksgiving day, 1897.

*Class IV.*

Item A. Sustained.

Item B. Sustained.

Item C. Sustained.

*Class V.*

Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G. Sustained.

Revs. S. Henkel and T. Moser were also excused.

*Class VI.*

Item A. No action taken.

Item B. Sustained.

Item C. Appropriated $100, for ensuing year.

Item D. Appropriated $50, if Examining Committee finds applicant qualified.

*Class VII.*

No further action necessary.

*Class VIII.*

Sustained. Letters were read. Rev. J. F. Moser asked to have his vote recorded against this action.

A letter of fraternal greetings from Rev. W. A. Lutz, corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, was read before Synod.

The Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions was adopted.

The Committee on the President's Report made their report.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

We, your Committee to report on President's Report, beg leave to submit the following: We have examined the report and find in it very little requiring the attention of Synod.

1. We recommend that his recommendation of appropriating $100 to the benefit of beneficiary M. L. Pence, for the next synodical year, be sustained. Sustained.

2. We recommend that his recommendation to receive St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Cleveland county, N. C., into our Synod be sustained. Sustained.

3. With reference to recommendation third, action has already been taken.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
ROBERT H. CLINE,
J. P. MILLER.

Synod now adjourned for divine service. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Moser.

## SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, P. M., 1.30 O'CLOCK.

Rev. Dr. Voigt addressed Synod on the work and needs of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

On motion, a committee was appointed to draft a resolution, stating Synod's objection to co-operation. The committee offered the following resolution which was adopted by Synod:

*Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the address of Dr. A. G. Voigt on the subject of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the South, and that we are in thorough sympathy and accord with this important work, but until the action of the United Synod or Board of Trustees of the said Seminary places this institution in perfect accord with the well known position of this Synod in regard to secret societies and pulpit and altar fellowship, we cannot give this institution our hearty support.

J. F. MOSER,
J. S. KOINER,
W. P. CLINE.

The following resolutions with reference to the work of the English Missouri Synod in the bounds of the Tennessee Synod were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Some pastors of the English District of the Missouri Synod are serving congregations in connection with the Tennessee Synod in North Carolina, and are controlling our school property at Conover; and

WHEREAS, Those pastors refuse to connect themselves with the Tennessee Synod and co-operate with her; and

WHEREAS, When they took charge of that work, Rev. F. Kuegele, the recognized leader of said English District, promised that, if their presence proved hurtful to the unity and progress of the Tennessee Synod, *they would vacate the field and abandon the work*; and

WHEREAS, This promise has not yet been fulfilled, but to the contrary those congregations have been influenced to think of dissolving their connection with the Tennessee Synod; therefore

*Resolved*, That we do earnestly request those pastors to comply with such promise and abandon that work, or connect themselves with the Tennessee Synod and actively affiliate with her.

Inasmuch as it appears from the Minutes of our Synod that certain ministers in the service of the Mission Board of the Missouri Synod have been and are missionating in the midst of our Synod; and inasmuch as the above named ministers have been devoting their chief efforts to proselyting instead of converting those outside of the church; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, 1. That we request the Mission Board of the Missouri Synod to withdraw the above named ministers from within our territory.

*Resolved*, 2. That our Secretary be instructed to send these resolutions to the Mission Board of the English District of the Missouri Synod.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on Treasurer's Report, have examined the same, and find it correct. Except two items for postage, all others were certified by vouchers.

C. K. LIPPARD,
D. A. GOODMAN,
ELON O. HENKEL.

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LENOIR COLLEGE.

In accordance with the action of the last convention of the Tennessee Synod, it becomes my duty as president of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College to report to this body the condition of Synod's institution of learning.

The last scholastic year was a prosperous one, although the enrollment was not quite so large as that of previous years. The deportment and progress of the pupils were very creditable. The instruction given daily in the Bible and Catechism bears fruit in the hearts and lives of the pupils.

Prof. Yoder, as theological instructor, gave lessons in Dogmatics, Homiletics, Pastoral Theology, and Catechetics, during the year, devoting to this work the time required by Synod. He had four pupils under his care. His work was carefully and conscientiously done, giving perfect satisfaction. This Synod should make arrangements for the continuance of this department.

The debt of $6,000, on the college building, reported at last Synod, has been reduced to less than $4,000, a little more than $2,000 having been secured in money and subscriptions during the summer vacation

by the earnest and self-denying labors of the faculty. This debt now constitutes the greatest hindrance to the prosperity and further development of the school. The friends of the Synod and of Christian education should at once rally to its support, and remove this incumbrance.

The importance of Lenoir College and its intimate relation to the prosperity of the Synod can hardly be overestimated. Since our Synod began the work of higher education in Catawba county, North Carolina, nearly one-half of the active pastors now on the roll of the Tennessee Synod have been educated there. Since its establishment at Hickory, our school has sent forth twenty-five graduates, thirteen of whom are either preaching in the Tennessee Synod or preparing for the Lutheran ministry.

Owing to the great demand for preachers throughout our church in this country and to the peculiar situation and condition of the Tennessee Synod, it is especially necessary that we look to our own resources for a supply of preachers. If our churches desire able and well equipped preachers, in harmony with each other and in sympathy with our people and our work, let us remember that it is a duty incumbent upon each congregation to aid in furnishing and equipping these men. Look out among you pious and talented young men, and send them to our school, that they may be fitted for the work of the Church.

The maintenance of an institution of higher Christian education is essential to the progress and prosperity of the Synod. Synod needs such an institution as a bond of union and co-operation. It needs it as a center of interest and influence. It needs it for the training of its pastors, and for the education of the sons and daughters of the Church.

This school, then, is a work of the highest importance to our Synod, of common interest to every member within our bounds. Allow me, therefore, to express the hope that the self-sacrificing labors of the few who have undertaken this work for the common good, will not fail to elicit a hearty response on the part of all our people.

J. C. MOSER,
*President of Board of Trustees of Lenoir College.*

On motion, Standing Resolution No. 23 was rescinded, and a committee, composed of Revs. J. F. Moser, R. A. Yoder, and A. L. Boliek, was appointed to arrange work for the next convention of Synod, said work to consist of

sermons, papers, or addresses on education, benevolence, or other practical church work. The report of this committee is to be published in OUR CHURCH PAPER at least two months previous to the meeting of Synod.

### DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

*Virginia Synod*—J. N. Stirewalt; alternate, A. L. Boliek.

*Southwestern Virginia Synod*—R. H. Cline; alternate, J. S. Koiner.

*North Carolina Synod*—W. P. Cline; alternate, W. L. Darr.

*South Carolina Synod*—E. J. Sox; alternate, E. L. Lybrand.

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

*Resolved*, That we hereby tender our thanks to the members and friends of St. Matthew's congregation for their kindness and hospitality received during the session of this Synod.

No action taken with reference to absentees, Revs. L. A. Bikle, C. H. Bernheim, J. M. Smith, D. A. Sox, D. C. Huffman, G. E. Long, S. S. Keisler.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

The Committee on Examination have had an interview with Mr. John F. Hall, an applicant for beneficiary aid. We recommend that he be received under the care of this Synod as a beneficiary student, and that an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made in his favor. We further recommend that he attend school in Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C.

J. C. MOSER,
J. R. PETERSON,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. A. CROMER.

The recommendations of this committee were sustained by Synod.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Church Institutions, would respectfully submit the following:

I. CHERRYVILLE ACADEMY.

This school has been in successful operation for three years, and under the management of Rev. John J. George has grown to prominence and esteem in that community. The last year, we are glad to note, was the most successful in its history.

II. THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL AT MT. PLEASANT, WATAUGA CO., N. C.

This school has just begun under the management of Mr. J. F. Deal, assisted by Pastor Deaton, and has so far been very successful, and is proving quite an aid to the missionary labors in that vicinity.

III. GASTON COLLEGE AT DALLAS, N. C.

This school is being conducted by Prof. S. A. Wolff, assisted by a competent corps of instructors, and the last year has also been a successful one. There are other schools in the Synod that no doubt deserve our notice, but as your committee has no information concerning them we can make no notice of them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOSER,
A. L. BOLIEK,
JACOB WIKE.

## RESOLUTION AS TO THEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTOR.

*Resolved*, That Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder be continued as theological professor in Lenoir College, and that we devote to the work the same amount of time as we did last year, and that we appropriate the same amount ($150) as a remuneration for his services.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

MR. CHAIRMAN:—We, your Committee on the State of the Church, submit the following report:

NORTH CAROLINA.

In this State the work of the church has made commendable progress during the year. There is perfect harmony and good will among the ministry of the North Carolina Conference as that body is now constituted. All of our pastorates save the Davidson pastorate are supplied with regular services. Our people are awakening to a higher sense of duty in Christian benevolence through the energetic work of our pastors along this line, hence missionary and educational work is receiving a greater impulse. What our people need is education as to what is their Christian duty, and to provide this kind of knowledge has been the united effort of the ministry in this State during the past year. Their efforts have not been wholly without

fruit. Our people are manifesting greater interest in Sunday-school work, and the usual attention has been given to catechetical instruction.

In Virginia, we can render a favorable report. At this time we have only one vacant congregation, and one supplied by a pastor from the Virginia Synod. Our pastorates are still too large. We have in our territory a great field for missionary work.

The young people are receiving regular catechetical instruction, and Sunday-school work is not neglected. Our services are well attended, and Christian giving is being more fully developed. Two new church edifices are being built this year—one in Page county, the other in the town of Manassas. Our mission work is progressing well under the care of Rev. J. K. Efird. Commendable progress has been made throughout this part of the Master's vineyard during the past year.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

In South Carolina, the state of the church, we learn through information from our ministerial brethren in attendance at this convention of Synod, is in good condition. All the congregations are receiving regular services. The young are regularly instructed in the catechism. Sunday-school work is progressing finely. Upon the whole, this part of the territory of our Synod is enjoying a period of peace and prosperity.

ALABAMA.

This part of our Synod being placed under the care of the Mission Board of the United Synod, we learn through Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Mission Board, that considerable mission work has been done during the past year, and this field is very hopeful for our beloved church. Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLINE,
J. P. STIREWALT.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your Committee on Apportionment, make the following:

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| J. R. Peterson's charge | $25.00 |
| New Market charge | 45.00 |
| J. N. Stirewalt's charge | 45.00 |
| J. P. Stirewalt's charge | 50.00 |
| J. C. Moser's charge | 50 00 |
| S. S. Rahn's charge | 15.00 |
| J. A. Cromer's charge | 45.00 |

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| E. L. Lybrand's charge | 5.00 |
| J. K. Efird's charge | 8.00 |
| R. A. Yoder's charge | 30.00 |
| W. P. Cline's charge | 15.00 |
| D. A. Goodman's charge | 5.00 |
| J. C. Wessinger's charge | 30.00 |
| R. H. Cline's charge | 25.00 |
| P. C. Wike's charge | 40.00 |
| J. P. Price's charge | 15.00 |
| J. F. Moser's charge | 35.00 |
| W. L. Darr's charge | 10.00 |
| L. A. Bikle's charge | 30.00 |
| J. L. Deaton's charge | 5.00 |
| D. I. Offman's charge | 15.00 |
| J. P. Miller's charge | 20.00 |
| Jacob Wike's charge | 35.00 |
| A. R. Beck's charge | 40.00 |
| A. L. Boliek's charge | 30.00 |
| J. J. George's charge | 20.00 |
| J. L. Cromer's charge | 30.00 |
| E. J. Sox's charge | 40.00 |
| J. W. Hausenfluck's charge | 20.00 |
| Daniel's, vacant | 20.00 |
| Davidson pastorate | 25.00 |

J. A. CROMER,
R. A. YODER.

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J. N. STIREWALT, PRESIDENT.
JOHN J. GEORGE, SECRETARY.

## SERMONS PREACHED.

Opening Sermon—Rev. P. C. Wike, Saturday, 10 A. M., Gen. 28, 17.

Saturday, 8 P. M.—Rev. A. R. Beck, Isaiah 59, 6, St. Matthew's church.

Sunday, 10.30 A. M.—Rev. R. A. Yoder, Sacramental Sermon, Luke 19, 22, St. Matthew's church.

Sunday, 8 P. M.—Rev. Jno. J. George, Luke 15, 1-7, St. Matthew's church.

Sunday, 8 P. M.—Rev. J. L. Deaton, Isaiah 55, 13, Lutheran church in Tom's Brook.

Monday, 11 A. M.—Rev. J. P. Miller, Christian Beneficence, 2 Cor. 8. 7, St. Matthew's church.

Monday, 8 P. M.—Rev. J. L. Cromer, Rom. 1, 16, St. Matthew's church.

Tuesday, 11 A. M.—Rev. E. J. Sox, Ps. 119, 9, St. Matthew's church.

Tuesday, 8 P. M.—Rev. J. A. Cromer; Prov. 11, 30.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clericall Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael, Emmanuel.

CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Tabor, St. John.

RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.

ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh, St. Paul.

BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.

CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Trinity.

CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Mt. Gilead.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy, Mt. Olive, St. Andrew, St. Martin.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew, St. Luke.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove, Lebanon.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin, St. John, Mt. Hermon.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon, Cedar Grove, and David's Chapel.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin, Zion.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel, St. Luke.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant, Friendship.

### VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel, St. Paul, Spring Valley.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. Luke (Alma), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

CULPEPER COUNTY.—Trinity.

Total, 118.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved 1.* That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to take up in each of his congregations collections for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod; and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

*Resolved 2.* That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

*Resolved 3.* That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed by catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved 4.* That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all of their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 5.* That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the synodical year, to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 6.* That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved 7.* That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved 8.* That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved 9.* That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved 10.* That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our ministers to ask their congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved 11.* That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved 12.* That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved 13.* That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved 14.* That the chairmen of the Executive Committee of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved 15.* That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Board of Missions.

*Resolved 16.* That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved 17.* That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and, if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved 18.* That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved 19.* That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 20.* That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

*Resolved 21.* That when used with proper limitations and qualifications we do not condemn either the phrase "in view of faith" or "unto faith" in explaining the doctrine of Election, guarding the former against Synergistic inferences and the latter against Calvinistic tendencies.

*Resolved 22.* That this Synod recommend to her pastors that they devote their entire time and energy to the work of the ministry, and call upon their people to give them such support as will make it unnecessary for them to engage in other professions.

*Resolved 23.* In order to effect and maintain permanent relations between Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, it is agreed to by the parties as follows:—On the part of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College, party of the first part, that in consideration of the moral and financial support of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and to promote the educational interest of the church in her connection, and for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom, the said Board of Trustees of Lenoir College agree that they will grant the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, party of the second part, the right to nominate seven additional members to the present six members of the Board of Trustees of said College,

want of these have greatly crippled its efforts in the past, shall it continue so in the future?

I am told that the success of Newberry College is due largely to the fact that every member of the South Carolina Synod is its friend. What does a friend to a school do for it? He contributes of his funds for its support; he helps to fill its class-rooms with students; he speaks well of it to all whom he meets; he prays for its prosperity. How often do we fervently pray to God to bless our school and to make it a "nursery of useful knowledge and of Christian virtues?" Let every member then of the three conferences of our Synod feel, "This is my school. I will pray for its success; I will speak well of it to my friends; I will send my children to it for their higher education; I will give to its various needs all I can."

But we are well aware of the fact that the esteem our school is held in by members of Synod will ever depend largely upon its management.

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL MUST BE VIGOROUS AND AGGRESSIVE.

There must be life, there must be activity, there must be enthusiasm, there must be hard work, there must be strict discipline. We by no means wish to infer that our school under its present management is entirely wanting in these; but there is room for improvement all along the line. Possibly our worthy president and his corps of instructors are doing all that should be expected of them under existing circumstances. But the circumstances are at fault. The school is not self-supporting, and our teachers seek to make it such by doing more than they can do rightly. Every professor now in connection with our school has a larger number of congregations to look after than most of us who do not teach. Thus double duty devolves upon them, and each duty is only half performed. The school receives only half attention, the congregations receive only half attention. To every right-thinking individual it is apparent, I think, that our school must remain a mere makeshift until affairs take a different turn. The ideal school is one in which the teachers give it their undivided attention. We do not mean to ease the teacher or to give him more time to sleep and play, but that he shall exert all his time and talents in the interest of his school. This is the ideal, and whilst it may not be attainable just now or all at once, let us continually press towards it. We never shoot high by aiming low. Let us then, as much as possible, free our teachers from other cares and wed them more and more to our school.

But we must remember, also, that it takes money to do this. For a teacher to keep up with the age, educationally, he must be supported, and well supported. How do many other bodies of Lutherans support their schools?

Look at the Augustana Synod, not yet fifty years old. It is composed of poor Swedes who settled in the West and Northwest. Today it has its own theological seminary, three colleges, and a number of high schools. And it is a remarkable fact that the congregations, poor as most of them are, bear nearly all the burden of providing for them. Thus are the seminaries and colleges of the Missouri and Ohio synods supported. Thousands of dollars are annually contributed by the congregations for the support of their synodical schools. And these contributions come not only from the rich, but also from the poor. And we might mention other bodies, but enough.

You may say, "They have better schools." Without admitting the fact, I say, well may they have. Support our college as they are supported, and it will stand second to none of them. But some one may say, "This means that you want the people to help support the school." That is just what I mean. "Pay out every year something for the running expenses of the school?" That is just what I mean. "Giving to the school never to be done with, even our children and grandchildren to give?" That is just what we mean, that is just what we want. Giving to a school is the best way to keep one interested in its success.

I would add one more thought. It appears to me that hereafter when vacancies occur in the faculty, the Board and Synod would do well to bear in mind that others than ministers can teach. Lay professors would be in no danger of allowing themselves to be called hither and thither, over two or three counties, to preach. They could devote their whole time, vacations and all, to the interests of the school.

In conclusion, let us all wake up and bestir ourselves in the interest of our College. Let us *do* all we can, *give* all we can, *pray* all we can, for our school; and then, and only then, can we expect great things in return.

# OUR LOYALTY TO OUR SYNOD.

BY REV. J. C. MOSER, D. D.

The true Christian is always and everywhere a loyal man—loyal to his God—loyal to his Savior—loyal to his church. His vow of consecration, made in baptism, renewed in confirmation, constrains him to loyalty; and he gives expression to his loyalty, not in word only, but in devotion, in labor, and self-sacrifice for the glory of God, for the cause of Christ, for the prosperity and progress of the Church.

Loyalty to the Tennessee Synod is only a specific duty growing out of the more general duty of loyalty to God and the truth. The man who is loyal to God and the truth, must, first of all and of necessity, be loyal to his own church where God is worshiped and the truth is taught. And then, if he is an intelligent Christian, he will not fail to recognize the intimate relation existing between the congregation and the Synod,—the mutual dependency of the one upon the other. He will clearly see the importance to the individual congregation of the more general enterprises of the church carried on by the Synod. He will recognize his duty and responsibility in the prosecution of these enterprises. He will therefore be loyal to his Synod. He will be loyal to her doctrines and principles—loyal to her rules and regulations—loyal to her work, her various enterprises. He will endeavor to do his whole duty in maintaining her principles, in conforming to her regulations, in helping to put forward her work. He will spend and be spent in her service.

Loyal, both in etymology and meaning, is akin to the terms law and legal. It means primarily faithful to law, true to constituted authority, and zealous to uphold and maintain it.

But it means more than this. It implies love, constancy, and warm-hearted devotion—devotion that shrinks from no toil or self-sacrifice in behalf of its object.

Loyalty to the Tennessee Synod, then, is, first of all, fidelity to her principles, and to her rules and requirements involving those principles. If we would be loyal to the Tennessee Synod, we must be true to the Confessions of the Lutheran Church in their entirety, which the Synod acknowledges as her own. We must hold, teach, and maintain the positive truths taught therein; and when our Confessions reject and condemn errors, we can not be loyal to the truth and to the Synod which confesses that truth, and at the same time fellowship and encourage those who hold and teach these errors. The Tennessee Synod has definitely set forth her understanding of

the condemnatory statements of the Confessions and her position on the fellowship question in what is known as the "Summit Rule." This rule as briefly formulated on page 20, Minutes of 1886, declares that "the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod rejects all ecclesiastical union and co-operation which are not based on the pure Lutheran teaching and faith; as, Exchange of Pulpits, Promiscuous Communion or Altar Fellowship, Secret Society Worship, and Chiliasm."

Now, is it possible that any one and especially any pastor can be truly loyal to the Tennessee Synod, and refuse to abide by this rule? Not long ago a conscientious lady of another faith, on seeing some Lutherans commune with her church, remarked: "If I were a Lutheran, I would not do that. I could not do so, and feel that I were altogether true and loyal to my own faith and church."

Again, a loyal son will be zealous and active in the work of his synod. He will take a hearty interest in all her undertakings, and as far as possible lend to them a helping hand. When Synod is in need and her enterprises appeal for aid, they will not appeal to him in vain. He will cheerfully contribute his labor and his money to the success of her work. What claim to loyalty can pastors make, when the absence of their names from the Treasurer's report, indicates that they have made no proper effort to secure the small sums which Synod asks of them to enable her to do the work committed to her hands! Will a true and loyal son allow his mother to languish in want of the aid he could readily furnish? How can we characterize the impudence that could lay claim to loyalty under such circumstances? Can congregations that year after year make no contribution to Synod, or fail to meet in full their very small apportionment of ten or fifteen cents per communicant, be regarded as patterns of loyalty? And yet the sad truth is, we have such pastors and congregations. They would feel sorely insulted if we should tell them that they are not loyal to the Synod. But what else shall we say, and tell the truth?

The duty of loyalty to the general enterprises and institutions of Synod is involved in what we have already said. Yet the importance of this matter deserves further consideration. Apart from the maintenance of these general enterprises there is no sound reason for our organized existence. These constitute the very life of the Synod, the fountain and source of her being, the mainspring of all her activities. They form a center of interest and influence, without which there can be neither unanimity nor cohesion. Her school, her beneficiary work, and her missions must be maintained, or the Synod will starve, dwindle, disintegrate, and perish. The duty of loyal support to these undertakings should receive instant recognition. It should

scarcely need stating, much less arguing. And yet if a few of our people were not more loyal than the majority, such enterprises could not be established or maintained in the Synod.

For the want of loyalty there are various excuses. Some think it costs too much to be loyal. That surely is a very poor loyalty that will sacrifice nothing for its object. Loyalty carries with it the idea of sacrifice. He who is your friend only when it costs him nothing, is a very poor friend. Loyalty that is only manifest when it costs nothing to be loyal, surely deserves not the name of loyalty.

"When Synod adjusts this or that difficulty, when it allays these troubles, when it gets all its affairs to work smoothly and harmoniously, then I will do my duty, and prove my loyalty." This is the sort of excuse and promise some people make. What sort of loyalty is this that deserts a faithful mother in her adversity, and says, "Get out of your troubles, and then I'll help you?" Loyalty, if it is the genuine article, is manifest especially when its object is in danger and trouble. It shines the brighter in adversity, and stands the firmer amid treason and rebellion. That is an easy loyalty which flourishes only in time of peace and prosperity. If we are true to our Synod, we can not but speak up and out for her, and act for her, and sacrifice for her ; and that too all the more when her name is scorned and reproached, when troubles and dangers alarm, and enemies oppose ; and when therefore she is in the greater need of our loyal support. A doubtfully loyal subject is he who living amid treason and danger, is afraid to show his colors. He is already a coward, and on his way to be a traitor.

And why should we not be loyal to our old mother Synod? She is loyal, and ever has been loyal, to the truth. She stood firmly for the pure Lutheran faith when there was scarcely any one else in all this broad land to stand for it. She stood alone, true and faithful, when it cost something to be faithful. In the face of reproach and persecution she held fast the profession of her faith without wavering, earnestly endeavoring to bring the other Lutheran bodies of the land back to the pure confession of our fathers. She was first to translate and publish in the English language the entire confessional writings of the Lutheran church. When we contemplate the trials and toils of the faithful fathers of the Tennessee Synod, their courage and devotion to the truth, their self-denying labors and sacrifices, we feel constrained to say : "Surely these men deserve that their names be crowned among the heroes of our faith, and that their memory be embalmed in the hearts of a grateful and loyal posterity." And shall we prove unfaithful in carrying on the work which they began? The truth which they so bravely confessed and defended shall we let go, when it is now comparatively easy to hold and confess it? When

our resources and advantages are so much greater, shall we fail to build a noble and worthy superstructure on the foundation which our fathers laid?

Again, we should be loyal to our Synod, because true loyalty of every kind must begin at home. The man who is not loyal to his own will hardly be loyal to anything else.

To foster and develop among us the spirit of true loyalty we need more thorough acquaintance with the doctrines and history of our church and Synod. We need more thorough consecration to the work of the Synod both among pastors and laymen. Hearty, earnest, self-denying labor in behalf of the Synod, while it grows out of loyalty, ever increases and intensifies our loyalty.

We need to educate pastors from among our own people in our own institutions. It is but natural that young men, reared in our congregations, cared for and educated by the Synod, should, as a rule, make the most devoted and loyal pastors. They will feel nearer to the Synod, and be in more hearty sympathy with her in all her struggles and enterprises.

Some, it may be, are afraid to be earnestly loyal to their own church, lest they be regarded bigots. When loyalty expresses itself chiefly in proud boasting, in great swelling words of vanity and blind conceit, in bitterness and acrimony toward others, it deserves to be called bigotry. But true church loyalty is not bigotry. It is not narrow selfishness. It is not obstinate conceit. It is not blind intolerance that vents itself in criticism and denunciation of others. Loyalty is the warm, active love, the true-hearted, unselfish devotion of a faithful son to his mother. It is the loving husband's fidelity to his wife. Yea, rather it is the affectionate wife's intense devotion to her husband, that follows him in prosperity and adversity, through good report and through evil report, in life and in death, and never wavers, falters, or fails. True loyalty is manifest in the spirit of the captive Jew as he sat by the rivers of Babylon, and exclaimed: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." Devoted loyalty addresses to our beloved Synod the words of Ruth to Naomi: "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

*Resolved*, That we earnestly urge our people to consider prayerfully the propriety of remembering in their wills our Synod's and College treasuries, and that we place the following legal blank form of will on our Minutes for their use:

I will, devise, and bequeath to A. B., Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod and to his successors in office (or to Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C.) in trust, to be invested and the interest thereon annually applied to such benevolent objects as the Synod may direct (or to missions) (or to such purposes for said College as the Board of Trustees may deem expedient) (or to the said officer or to said College) the sum of . . . . . Dollars (or . . . . . acres of land bounded by lands of . . . . . ), and I hereby direct the said trustee to sell the same and apply the proceeds of sale to such purposes as the said Synod or Board of Trustees may direct (or to missions) (or do hereby direct said trustee to invest the said finances and apply the proceeds annually to, &c.)

[The above resolution was offered and undoubtedly would have been adopted but for the lack of a suitable blank form for bequest. The resolution was withdrawn for the purpose of drawing up such a form. The form was procured, but the whole matter was overlooked until after Synod adjourned. At the request of several of the brethren I have inserted the same in the appendix to the Minutes.—SECRETARY.]

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## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod will be held with Daniel's congregation, Lincoln county, N. C., beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1898.

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NEW BROOKLAND, S. C.,
THURSDAY, NOV. 25, 1897.

The seventy-seventh annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod convened, according to previous adjournment, with Mt. Tabor congregation, New Brookland, S. C., at 10.30 o'clock, November 25, 1897.

The opening sermon was preached by the Secretary, Rev. J. J. George; text, 1 Thessalonians 3, 9.

The President being absent, the Secretary called the meeting to order. Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., was elected president *pro tem.*

The ministerial roll was called, and the lay-delegates present were enrolled as members of Synod.

### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

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| Rev. T. Moser* | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S Henkel, D. D.* | New Market, Va. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D.‡ | King's Mountain, N. C. |
| " I. Conder* | McGaheysville, Va. |
| " J. N. Stirewalt† | Stony Man, Va. |
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| " J. P. Stirewalt | New Market, Va. |
| " Prof. J. C. Moser, D. D. | Hickory, N. C. |
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| " E. L. Lybrand | New Brookland, S. C. |
| " Prof. R. A. Yoder | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. S. Koiner* | Luray, Va. |
| " D. A. Sox‡ | Tallapoosa, Ga. |

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused. ‡Absent—no action.

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| " J. K. Efird * | Manassas, Va. |
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| " E. H. Kohn | New Market, Va. |
| " M. L. Pence | Reepsville, N. C. |
| " W. J. Boger ‖ | Mt. Holly, N. C. |
| " P. D. Risinger ‖ | Newberry, S. C. |

Total number of ministers, 41.

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W. H. Rhyne—Trinity, Bethphage, Cedar Grove, David's Chapel, N. C.
H. A. Costner—Antioch, N. C.
Henkel Keisler—St. Paul's, S. C.
Enoch Swygert—Cedar Grove, S. C.
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P. L. Miller—Rev. J. L. Cromer's pastorate, N. C.
H. L. Arndt—Salem (Catawba county), N. C.
W. A. Beck—Davidson charge, N. C.
Prof. S. A. Wolff—The late Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge, N. C.
Ambrose L. Henkel—New Market pastorate, Va.
P. D. Risinger—St. Luke's, Morning Star, N. C.

The annual Report of the President, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, was read by the Secretary, and referred to a committee.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—The seventy-sixth synodical year of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod with its immutable record has gone to the bar of the eternal court. Today we begin the seventy-seventh. We have come together, as we hope, to devise ways and means for the upbuilding of our blessed Redeemer's kingdom on earth. While we are in the enjoyment of many blessings and privileges for which we should rejoice and thank the good Lord, we have also many which are calculated to produce regret and sorrow. I mention two. We regret that some of our congregations have withdrawn from our Synod without sufficient reason for doing so. And we are sorry that we are called upon through the Providence of Almighty God to note the deaths of two of our beloved brethren in the ministry, Rev. J. F. Moser, who departed this life, February 3, 1897, and Rev. J. R. Peterson, May 15, 1897. The absence of these two brethren from our synodical meetings will cause much regret, but it becomes us to bow in submission to Him who "doeth all things well." May our Heavenly Father direct us all in our deliberations during this meeting, and may it contribute to his honor and glory and the upbuilding of his church in our midst.

### OFFICIAL ACTS.

I issued an order on the Treasurer of Synod in favor of Mr. Parker Conrad, $50.00.

### CALLS ACCEPTED.

February 17, 1897, Rev. E. H. Kohn informed me that he had accepted a call to the New Market charge, Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, and Trinity churches, having been transferred from the Southwestern Virginia Synod to ours.

Mr. P. D. Risinger informed me on October 7, 1897, that he had accepted a call to St. Luke's and Morning Star congregations, North Carolina, as a supply while in the seminary in South Carolina, and after finishing his theological course to become their regular pastor.

July 21, 1897, Mr. H. J. Mathias informed me that he had accepted a call to the charge made vacant by the death of Rev. J. R. Peterson, to supply them with preaching until October, provided they did not get a regular pastor.

July 12, 1897, Mr. W. J. Boger informed me that he had accepted a call to Mt. Holly and Lutheran Chapel churches, Gaston county, N. C., and that he had taken charge of the work.

### RESIGNATIONS.

February 2, 1897, Rev. S. S. Rahn informed me that he had resigned his charge, consisting of St. Luke's, Morning Star, and Em-

manuel churches in the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and accepted a call to St. John's church, Jacksonville, Florida. He requested a transfer from our Synod to the Georgia Synod. This I gave him, subject to the approval of Synod.

October 4, 1897, Rev. P. C. Wike informed me that he had resigned his charge in Shenandoah county, Va., consisting of St. Matthew's, St. Stephen's, St. Paul's, and Mt. Calvary churches.

EXAMINATIONS.

November 4, 1896, Rev. J. C. Moser informed me that the committee had examined Mr. M. L. Pence, and that he sustained a creditable examination, and on the 17th of October he was ordained to the office of pastor by the committee at a meeting of the North Carolina Conference, held in Christ's church, Gaston county, N. C., and at the same time the committee examined Mr. Parker Conrad as an applicant for beneficiary aid.

I also authorized Revs. J. P. Stirewalt and I. Conder to examine Rev. E. H. Kohn as an applicant for admission into the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod. This work was done on the 28th of April, 1897. He was found to be in accord with our Synod in doctrine and practice. His application for admission into this Synod is herewith submitted.

INSTALLATIONS.

I authorized Rev. R. A. Yoder to install Rev. M. L. Pence as pastor of Daniel's congregation on the fourth Sunday in November, 1896; and Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., to install him at St. Mark's fifth Sunday in May, 1897.

June 12, 1897, I authorized Revs. J. P. Stirewalt and J. S. Koiner to install Rev. E. H. Kohn in the New Market charge. This work was done on the second Sunday in July, 1897, in Emmanuel church, New Market, Va.

WITHDRAWALS.

Mr. P. F. Smith, secretary of Concordia congregation, Conover, N. C., informed me that at a regular meeting of that congregation it unanimously severed its connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, August 8, 1897.

Mr. F. Sigman, secretary of St. John's church, Catawba county, N. C., informed me that this congregation withdrew from the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, September 25, 1897.

I have also been informed that St. Mark's church, Luray, Page county, Va., has withdrawn from the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

November 18, 1897, I received a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, requesting his name to be stricken from the clerical roll of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

DEDICATIONS.

Rev. R. H. Cline informed me that after remodeling, renovating, and adding to the church edifice at Shenandoah, Page county, Va., he rededicated it on the second Sunday in July, 1897.

On the second Sunday of November, 1897, I dedicated a new church near Luray, Page county, Va., which had been building for some time. Its name is Beth Eden church, and desires to be received into this Synod at this meeting, and does herewith make application.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I recommend that a committee of three ministers be appointed by this body to prepare suitable resolutions on the deaths of our two deceased brethren.

2. I recommend that Rev. E. H. Kohn be received into connection with this Synod, and that his name be properly enrolled on our clerical roll.

3. I recommend that Beth Eden church be received into this Synod, that the name be placed on the congregational roll, and that the three congregations which have withdrawn be stricken from our roll.

Respectfully submitted, J. N. STIREWALT.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D.
Recording Secretary—Rev. A. R. Beck.
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Treasurer—Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder.

Rev. Dr. M. M. Kinard of the South Carolina Synod was received as an advisory member.

The President announced the following committee to classify all letters and petitions to Synod: Revs. W. P. Cline, E. L. Lybrand, W. H. Roof.

By motion, the hours for the business sessions of Synod were fixed at from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m., and from 1.30 p. m. to 5 p. m.; sermons at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Synod adjourned with benediction by the President.

## SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod convened. The roll was called. The President announced the following

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Church Institutions.*—Revs. J. P. Miller, J. P. Stirewalt, and J. A. Cromer.

*On Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. P. D. Risinger, D. P. Boger, and J. C. Deitz.

*On Excuses.*—Revs. E. L. Lybrand and M. L. Pence.

*On President's Report.*—Revs. J. J. George, J. C. Wessinger, and W. H. Roof.

*On State of the Church.*—Revs. W. L. Darr, D. I. Offman, A. R. Beck, J. A. Cromer, J. K. Efird, and A. L. Boliek.

*On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. J. P. Miller, E. J. Sox, and J. P. Price.

*On Examination.*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, J. L. Deaton, J. P. Stirewalt, J. S. Koiner, E. L. Lybrand, and J. A. Cromer.

*On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. W. P. Cline, J. L. Cromer, and Jacob Wike.

*On Apportionment.*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, J. P. Stirewalt, and J. A. Cromer.

By motion, Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., was appointed to supply the place of Rev. J. K. Efird who had been appointed to preach a sermon on "Christian Giving" on tonight, but was absent.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported as follows :

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—Your Committee on Letters and Petitions submit the following report :

I. APPLICANTS FOR EXAMINATION AND ORDINATION.

A. is a petition from Mt. Holly and Lutheran Chapel congregations, Gaston county, N. C., stating that they have extended a call to Can-

didate W. J. Boger, and ask that he be examined by this body; and, if found qualified, to ordain him to the office of the holy ministry.

B. is a petition from St. Luke's, Monroe, N. C., and Morning Star, Mecklenburg county, N. C., stating that they have extended a call to Candidate P. D. Risinger, and pray that he be examined; and, if he be found qualified, ordained to the office of the holy ministry.

We recommend that these petitions be granted, and these candidates be referred to the Committee on Examination.

### II. LETTERS OF HONORABLE DISMISSAL.

A. is a letter from Rev. J. J. Scherer, President of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, certifying that Rev. E. H. Kohn has been granted a letter of honorable dismissal from that body to accept work within the bounds of our Synod.

B. is also a letter from Rev. M. M. Kinard, President of the South Carolina Synod, certifying that a letter of honorable dismissal has been granted to Rev. W. A. Deaton from that body to accept work within the bounds of our Synod.

We recommend that these brethren be requested to meet the Committee of Examination for a colloquium.

### III. LETTERS OF EXCUSE.

A. is a letter from Rev. T. Moser; B., a letter from Rev. P. C. Wike; C., a letter from Rev. J. K. Efird; D., a letter from Rev. A. L. Boliek; E., letters from Revs. W. L. Darr, R. L. Fritz, D. J. Settlemyre, I. Conder, D. A. Goodman, J. S. Koiner, and Dr. S. Henkel, each asking to be excused from attendance on this convention of Synod. The reasons given are financial inability, great distance, and in case of Rev. Darr, sickness in his pastorate.

We recommend that they each and all be excused.

F. is a letter from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, late President of Synod, asking to be excused from attendance upon this convention of Synod.

We recommend that he be not excused.

### IV. PETITION FOR ADMISSION INTO SYNOD.

A. is a petition from Mt. Zion congregation, Watauga county, N. C., stating that it has adopted the constitution recommended by the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and asks to be admitted into the Synod.

We recommend their request be granted and the name entered upon the roll.

V. PETITIONS FOR SYNOD.

A. is a petition from Lutheran Chapel congregation, Gaston county, N. C., asking that Synod meet with them in its next annual convention; B. is a similar petition from Daniel's congregation, Lincoln county, N. C.; C. is also a petition from Grace congregation, Catawba county, N. C., asking for Synod to meet with them in its next annual convention.

We make no recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLINE,
JACOB WIKE,
J. L. CROMER.

The report as rendered was received and considered by items.

Item 1. Recommendation sustained.

Item 2. Recommendation sustained.

The report was retained in the hands of the committee, to be continued hereafter.

The following delegates having arrived their names were enrolled: J. C. Grissom, representing Luther Chapel, N. C.; Prof. S. A. Wolff, representing the pastorate served by the late Rev. J. R. Peterson, N. C.

By motion, the first Standing Resolution was amended so as to read as follows:

*Resolved*, 1. That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to gather in each of his congregations, at every morning service, the offerings of the people for the general work of the church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod; and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

The following report was received and adopted:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

We, your Committee on Examination, beg leave to report that we have had a colloquium with Revs. W. A. Deaton and E. H. Kohn, who apply for reception into our Synod, and we are glad to state that from the interview we have had we find them in hearty ac-

cord with our Synod in doctrine and practice; and, therefore, recommend that they be received into our Synod, and their names placed upon our ministerial roll.

R. A. YODER,
J. L. DEATON,
J. P. STIREWALT,
E. L. LYBRAND,
J. A. CROMER.

Rev. W. A. Deaton was excused from further attendance at this meeting of Synod.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. We recommend that the action of the President in granting a letter of transfer to Rev. S. S. Rahn from this Synod to the Georgia Synod be approved.

2. We consider the action of the President authorizing the examination of Rev. E. H. Kohn, as irregular.

3. We recommend that the request of Rev. J. M. Smith be granted, and that his name be dropped from the ministerial roll of this Synod.

4. We recommend that all the recommendations of the President be sustained.

5. We recommend that the name of Rev. M. L. Pence be placed on the ministerial roll.

JNO. J. GEORGE,
J. C. WESSINGER,
W. H. ROOF,
COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered by items.

Item 1. Recommendation sustained.

Item 2. Sustained.

Item 3. Action deferred

Item 4. Recommendation 1, in President's Report, sustained. The committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. W. P. Cline, J. P. Miller, J. J. George.

Recommendation 2, sustained. Action already taken.

Recommendation 3, sustained, so far as relates to Beth Eden congregation; but for the further consideration of the three congregations which have withdrawn from Synod, a committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. R. A. Yoder,

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, and Ambrose L. Henkel; said committee to report also on item 2 above, concerning which action was deferred.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Item 5. Recommendation sustained.

Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, was received as an advisory member.

Synod adjourned. Prayer and benediction by Rev. W. P. Cline.

## THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Synod met. Divine services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Deaton.

The minutes of the two previous sessions were read, corrected, and adopted.

By motion, Rev. L. K. Probst was accorded the time designated on program for reading of paper on "Synod's School" by Rev. J. P. Miller, and in connection with Rev. Probst's address, Rev. J. S. Koiner's paper on "Our Relation to the United Synod" was to be read, and the time for the reading of Rev. Miller's paper was fixed at 1 p. m., Saturday.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Inasmuch as there may not be a uniformity of Sunday-school lesson helps in use by our schools:

*Resolved*, That in addition to the helps already recommended by Synod, we recommend that, as far as it may be possible, our schools use the helps prepared and published by the General Council.

Candidates W. J. Boger and H. J. Mathias were received as advisory members.

The Treasurer of Synod read his report, which was received and referred to the proper committee.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. A. YODER, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

GENERAL SYNODICAL FUND.

1896–97. DR.

To amt. on hand and reported at last meeting of Synod, $66 47

| | PAID. | APPORTIONED. |
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| To amt. of Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge | $20 00 | $25 00 |
| To amt. of New Market charge | 45 00 | 45 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge | | 45 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt's charge: St. Paul's, $9.24; Rader's, $12.50; Solomon's, $6.58; St. Mary's, $12.50 | 40 82 | 50 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. C. Moser's charge: Holy Trinity S. S., $15.00; St. Paul's, $6.00; Holy Trinity, $17.00; Zion, $12.00 | 50 00 | 50 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. S. S. Rahn's charge (P. D. Risinger): | 15 00 | 15 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge: Zion, $19.50; St. Peter's, $10.00; Emmanuel's, $7.00; Midway Schoolhouse, $4.00; St. Andrew's, $4.50 | 45 00 | 45 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge | | 5 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. K. Efird's charge | | 8 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge: St. Andrew's, $5.60; Sardis, $7.68; Salem, $10.00; Grace, $8.00 | 31 28 | 30 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. W. P. Cline's charge: Mt. Olive, $9.00; Philadelphia, $5.00; Maiden, $1.00 | 15 00 | 15 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge | 8 50 | 5 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. C. Wessinger's charge: Trinity, $17.50; Bethphage, $11.25; David's Chapel, $1.25 | 30 00 | 30 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. R. H. Cline's charge | | 25 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. P. C. Wike's charge: St. Paul's, $6.08; St. Matthew's, $4.00; Mt. Calvary, $3.48; St. Stephen's, $5.12 | 18 68 | 40 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. P. Price's charge: St. Martin's (Stanley), $5.00; Mt. Gilead, $5.00; St. Martin's (Cabarrus), $10.00 | 20 00 | 15 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. F. Moser's charge | 35 00 | 35 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. W. L. Darr's charge: St. John's, $2.50; Mt. Herman, $2.50; St. Martin's, $3.00; Personal, $2.00 | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. L. A. Bikle's charge: St. Matthew's, $15.00; St. Mark's, $12.50 | 27 50 | 30 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. L. Deaton's charge | 6 20 | 5 00 |

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| To amt. of Rev. D. I. Offman's charge | | 15 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. P. Miller's charge | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. Jacob Wike's charge: St. Jacob's, $13.24; Mt. Horeb, $9.88; Bethlehem, $3.00; St. Thomas, $6.50 | 32 62 | 35 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. A. R. Beck's charge: St. Peter's, $20.00; St. Peter's, $20.00 | 40 00 | 40 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. A. L. Boliek's charge | | 30 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. J. George's charge | 25 00 | 20 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. L. Cromer's charge: St. Timothy, $17.50; St. James, $25.00; Newton, $12.50 | 55 00 | 30 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. E. J. Sox's charge: St. James, $4.88; St. Paul's, $8.15; Mt. Zion, $1.75; Salem, $6.01 | 20 79 | |
| To amt. of Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's charge: St. Jacob's, Bethany | 6 67 | 20 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. M. L. Pence's charge: Daniel's | 23 00 | 20 00 |
| To amt. of Davidson pastorate | | 25 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge: St. Stephen's | 5 50 | |
| To amt. of Rev. R. L. Fritz's charge: Salem (Catawba), $1.00; Shiloh, $3.00 | 4 00 | |
| To amt. of Rev. S. S. Keisler, part payment of his indebtedness to Synod | 5 00 | |
| To amt. of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, personal for beneficiary John Hall | 5 00 | |
| To amt. of Mr. Barney Hall, personal for beneficiary John Hall | 5 00 | |
| To amt. of Mr. J. T. Miller, personal, Synodical Fund | 5 00 | |
| To amt. of S. S. Convention, Virginia Conference | 14 00 | |
| To amt. of Rev. M. L. Pence, ordination certificate. | 25 | |
| To amt. of Rev. C. D. Besch, Minute | 10 | |
| To amt. of Rev. J. J. George, Pastors' Fund | 7 60 | |
| To amt. of Rev. W. L. Darr, Pastors' Fund | 2 50 | |
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| By amt. paid Henkel & Co., printing Minutes for several years, balance in full | $188 60 |
| By amt. paid Geo. A. Riser, appropriation in full | 55 00 |
| By amt. paid John Hall, appropriation in full | 100 00 |
| By amt. paid John Hall, personal donation of J. Paul Stirewalt and Barney Hall | 10 00 |
| By amt. paid E. P. Conrad, appropriation in full | 50 00 |
| By amt. paid Rev. A. L. Crouse, teaching theology for 1894, in full | 25 00 |
| By amt. paid Rev. M. L. Pence, in full of appro. claimed | 68 70 |

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| By amt. paid Rev. R. A. Yoder, teaching theology, in full | 150 00 |
| By amt. paid freight and express on Minutes | 1 88 |
| By amt. paid printing circulars and postage on same | 1 75 |
| By amt. paid exchange on checks | 95 |
| | $651 88 |
| By amt. cash on hand to balance | 109 60 |
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ORPHANS' FUND.

1896–97. DR.

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| To amt. of Rev. M. L. Pence's charge | $ 8 61 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. L. Cromer's charge | 8 05 |
| To amt. of Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge | 13 73 |
| To amt. of Rev. W. P. Cline's charge | 2 67 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. C. Moser's charge | 6 80 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. P. Price's charge | 7 60 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. J. George's charge | 12 72 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt's charge | 15 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, personal | 5 00 |
| | $80 18 |

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| By amt. paid Prof. F. V. N. Painter | $ 80 18 |

MISSION FUND OF UNITED SYNOD.

1896–97. DR.

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| To amt. of Gaston College S. S. | $ 17 55 |
| To amt. of Prof. and Mrs. S. A. Wolff, personal | 23 66 |
| To amt. of St. Paul's congregation, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt | 2 75 |
| To amt. of Luther Mosteller, personal | 5 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge | 10 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. J. George's charge: St. Luke's, $2.90; St. John's, $11.18 | 14 08 |
| To amt. of Mrs. Mary Rhodes, personal, per Rev. P. C. Wike | 50 |
| To amt. of Miss Mattie Rhodes, personal, per Rev. P. C. Wike | 50 |
| To amt. of Monroe, N. C., charge (P. D. Risinger) | 1 50 |
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| By amt. paid J. E. Cooper, Treasurer | $75 54 |

C. K. LIPPARD FUND.

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| To amt. of Rev. J. F. Moser's pledge | $10 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. C. Moser's pledge | 10 00 |
| To amt. of Mr. J. M. Arndt's pledge | 5 00 |

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| To amt. of Mr. George Lohr's pledge | 10 00 |
| To amt. of Mr. Elon O. Henkel's pledge | 10 00 |
| To amt. of Mr. D. H. Russell's pledge | 2 50 |
| To amt. of Mr. D. H. Bowman's pledge | 2 50 |
| To amt. of Mr. C. A. Little's pledge | 2 50 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt's pledge | 2 50 |
| To amt. of Rev. W. L. Darr's pledge | 5 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. J. George's pledge | 10 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. W. P. Cline's pledge | 5 00 |
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| By amt. paid Mr. C. K. Lippard | $75 00 |
| Amt. due Aged and Infirm Pastors' Fund | $45 64 |

SUMMARY OF FUNDS COLLECTED FOR 1896–97.

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| For general work of Synod | $761 48 |
| Orphans' Home, Salem, Va | 80 18 |
| United Synod Missions | 75 54 |
| C. K. Lippard Fund | 75 00 |
| Total | $992 20 |

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER, TREASURER.

SUMMARY OF OTHER BENEFICENCE.

Amounts which did not go through Synod's treasury were paid as follows:

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| To Orphans' Home | $131.50 |
| To United Synod Home Missions | 25.38 |
| To United Synod Foreign Missions | 15.25 |
| To Conference Missions | 579.97 |
| Total | $732.10 |

It was voted that all the offerings gathered at the regular services at this meeting of Synod be donated to the benefit of Mt. Tabor church.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to insert just following the Treasurer's Report, a summary of all moneys sent direct from pastors and congregations to the various benevolent causes, which therefore fails to appear in the Treasurer's Report.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary have a sufficient number of Minutes printed—at least one to every five communicant members, the Synod

determining the number—and distribute them *pro rata*, to each minister, according to the numerical membership of his charge ; and also, one for each secretary of the respective corresponding Synods, one each to our candidates for the ministry and beneficiary students, and to such periodicals as he may deem proper.

*Resolved*, That the cost of printing and distributing these Minutes be included in the general appropriation and be paid out of the funds of Synod.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 2,000 copies of the Minutes printed.

Rev. L. E. Busby was received as an advisory member and as fraternal delegate from the North Carolina Synod.

At 11 a. m., Synod adjourned for divine services.

## FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1.45 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod convened. The roll was called.

Rev. L. E. Busby, fraternal delegate from the North Carolina Synod, in pleasant terms presented the fraternal greetings of that body to this Synod, to which the President appropriately replied in the same fraternal spirit.

Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, was granted the floor, and forcibly addressed the Synod on the subject of missions.

Synod then heard the paper read which was prepared, at the request of the Committee on Program, by Rev. J. S. Koiner on "Our Relation to the United Synod." For further action the paper was referred to a committee, consisting of Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. L. Deaton, J. P. Miller, and Messrs. Enoch Swygert and Ambrose L. Henkel. The consideration of the report of this committee was made the first order of business for a night session.

At five o'clock, Synod adjourned until after divine services. Prayer and benediction by Rev. A. R. Beck.

## NIGHT SESSION.

9 O'OLOCK P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President. The roll was called.

Rev. S. C. Ballentine of the South Carolina Synod was received as an advisory member.

The committee appointed to report on the paper prepared by Rev. J. S. Koiner on "Our Relation to the United Synod" made its report. Upon which discussion was continued to some length, but finally the proposed action failed to carry.

At 10.30 p. m., Synod adjourned. Prayer and benediction by the President.

## FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M., NOV. 27.

Synod convened. Divine services were conducted by Rev. E. H. Kohn.

The President being absent, the Secretary called the meeting to order.

Rev. E. H. Kohn was elected by acclamation President *pro tem.*

The roll was called. The minutes of the last two sessions were read, corrected, and adopted.

The following reports were received and adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

We, your committee to examine Messrs. W. J. Boger and P. D. Risinger, as to their qualifications to bear the office of pastor, would beg leave to submit the following:

We have examined these young brethren and find them well prepared to bear the office of pastor, and recommend that they be ordained and their names be placed upon our ministerial roll.

R. A. YODER,
J. L. DEATON,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. A. CROMER,
E. L. LYBRAND.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee on Church Institutions would make the following report: In view of the fact that it is made the duty of the President of the Board to make an annual report of Synod's school, Lenoir College, we deem it unnecessary to say much about this institution. We learn through its instructors and others that the school is considerably "up" this year. It is in better condition than it has been for several years. The faculty is full and efficient, and the number of students fairly good—114. There are in attendance upon the college quite a number of young men with the ministry in view. These receive instruction in theology by Rev. R. A. Yoder, the President of the institution. There is yet a debt of several thousand on its property, and we would recommend that this body take some action looking toward the speedy liquidation of the same.

We are glad to state that Gaston Female College, located at Dallas, N. C., is nobly holding its own under the efficient management of Prof. S. A. Wolff and his corps of instructors. For some years this institution has been doing a good work, and all over the territory of the Lutheran church in the Carolinas, there are many daughters to rise up and call her blessed. Long may this school continue its career of usefulness.

There are some academies within the bounds of the Synod, which we will give only a passing notice: Cherryville Academy, Rev. J. J. George, principal; Ridge Academy, located in Lincoln county, N. C., Rev. J. C. Wessinger, principal; Grady Academy, near Newton, N. C., Rev. J. L. Cromer, principal. All these, we learn, are in a good, healthy condition. Such schools, besides being a blessing to their immediate communities, are necessary feeders to our higher institutions. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. MILLER,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. A. CROMER.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE MATTER RELATIVE TO THE SEVERANCE OF CERTAIN CONGREGATIONS FROM SYNOD.

We, your committee, appointed to take into consideration the matter pertaining to the action of certain congregations in severing their connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and uniting with other synods, viz.: Spring Valley congregation, in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and St. Mark's, Luray, Va., to the Virginia Synod; and Concordia and St. John's congregations, Catawba county, N. C., to the Missouri Synod; and St. Peter's and

Bethel congregations, Catawba county, N. C., which have severed their connection with the Tennnessee Synod, which are now without synodical connection; and, also, the withdrawal of Rev. J. M. Smith from the Tennessee Synod, would beg leave to submit the following:

1. We deem the reasons assigned by these congregations for withdrawing as insufficient to justify their action in this matter. The nature of these actions, we think, is subversive of the best interests of the whole Lutheran church, and the precedents set forth, both in the withdrawals and receptions of these churches into other synodical connection, are not likely to prove productive of good, causing synodical disturbances and congregational troubles. The protest of Synod should be entered against all interference, directly or indirectly, with the Synod's work, and anything tending to alienation of congregation or minister from synodical connection, should be condemned, and every honorable Christian means should be used to prevent, instead of fostering and encouraging disintegration. Synodical and church loyalty should be observed, and only severed for the gravest considerations.

2. In reference to Rev. J. M. Smith, we would say, that this Synod regrets, that any minister, especially one who has been reared in it, and grown gray in the works of our Synod, in fighting our battles with us, until he is a veteran in the service, should request that his name be stricken from our ministerial roll; and, in this spirit, we ask that Synod accord his request.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
J. P. STIREWALT,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your Committee appointed on Treasurer's Report, beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and find it correct; leaving a balance of $109.60 in the synodical treasury, including $45.64 due aged and infirm pastors' fund.

Respectfully submitted,

P. D. RISINGER,
D. P. BOGER,
J. C. DIETZ.

Discussion on the Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions (see p. 9–11) was then resumed.

Item 3. Recommendation sustained.

Item 4. Recommendation sustained.

Item 5. With reference to this item, it was moved and carried that this Synod hold its next annual convention with Daniel's congregation, Lincoln county, N. C.

By motion, the time of the next regular convention was fixed at 10 o'clock a. m., on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1898.

The report of the committee was adopted as a whole.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, respectfully submit the following:

1. On page 13, we find that Rev. R. A. Yoder was continued as collector of the debt due this Synod by Rev. S. S. Keisler. What has been done?

2. On page 14, we find that a committee, with Rev. J. F. Moser as chairman, relative to securing a traveling missionary for Synod, was continued. Has this committee anything to report?

3. On pages 14 and 15, we find a plan for Church Extension referred for future action. What is the pleasure of Synod with reference to this matter?

4. On page 18, we find that the members of the Committee on Examination in North Carolina were asked to examine Mr. M. L. Pence; and, if found qualified, ordain him to the office of pastor. Has this been attended to?

5. On page 20, we find that Mr. E. P. Conrad, an applicant for beneficiary aid, was referred to the Committee on Examination in North Carolina. Did he appear before said committee?

6. On page 23, we find that a committee, consisting of Revs. J. F. Moser, R. A. Yoder, and A. L. Boliek, were appointed to arrange work for this meeting of Synod. Has this committee discharged said duty?

Respectfully submitted, J. P. MILLER,
E. J. SOX,
J. P. PRICE.

The report was received and action deferred until the afternoon session.

The President being absent on account of ill health, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt was substituted to fill his place in the ordination service.

At 11 a. m., Synod adjourned for divine services. Prayer and benediction by the President.

At this service, Rev. Prof. W. P. Cline preached the ordination sermon; text, 1 Tim. 4, 16, and Messrs. W. J. Boger and P. D. Risinger were properly ordained to the office of the holy ministry, according to the form in the Church Book.

## SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President *pro tem.* The roll was called.

The Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was taken up for consideration by items.

Question 1. Effort has been made, and $5 has been received.

Question 2. Nothing done.

Question 3. No action taken.

Question 4. Yes. Mr. M. L. Pence was properly ordained.

Question 5. Yes. Mr. Conrad was received.

Question 6. Yes.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your Committee on Apportionment, make the following:

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| W. A. Deaton's charge | $30.00 |
| New Market charge | 45.00 |
| J. N. Stirewalt's charge | 45.00 |
| J. P. Stirewalt's charge | 50.00 |
| J. C. Moser's charge | 50.00 |
| P. D. Risinger's charge | 10.00 |
| J. A. Cromer's charge | 45.00 |
| E. L. Lybrand's charge | 5.00 |
| J. K. Efird's charge | 8.00 |
| R. A. Yoder's charge | 35.00 |
| W. P. Cline's charge | 15.00 |
| D. A. Goodman's charge | 5.00 |
| J. C. Wessinger's charge | 30.00 |

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| R. H. Cline's charge | 25.00 |
| P. C. Wike's charge | 40.00 |
| J. P. Price's charge | 15.00 |
| W. J. Boger's charge | 35.00 |
| W. L. Darr's charge | 10.00 |
| L. A. Bikle's charge | 20.00 |
| Watauga Mission | 10.00 |
| D. I. Offman's charge | 10.00 |
| J. P. Miller's charge | 20.00 |
| Jacob Wike's charge | 35.00 |
| A. R. Beck's charge | 40.00 |
| A. L. Bolick's charge | 30.00 |
| J. J. George's charge | 20.00 |
| J. L. Cromer's charge | 30.00 |
| W. H. Roof's charge | 40.00 |
| J. W. Hausenfluck's charge | 20.00 |
| M. L. Pence's charge | 35.00 |
| Davidson pastorate | 20.00 |
| E. J. Sox's charge | 20.00 |

R. A. YODER,
J. A. CROMER,
J. P. STIREWALT.

The paper on "Our School," prepared at the request of the Committee on Program, was read by Rev. J. P. Miller, and after some discussion was ordered to be furnished for publication in OUR CHURCH PAPER.

The following report was read and ordered to be placed upon the face of the Minutes:

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LENOIR COLLEGE.

As chairman of the Board of your institution of learning, I am much gratified to be able to make a very favorable report of the condition of Lenoir College. The number of pupils enrolled during last scholastic year was 109. This year the enrollment thus far is 114, a number considerably in excess of the enrollment at the same period in any recent year. The prospects of the college have never been brighter. The character of the pupils is above the average. Their deportment and progress have been, upon the whole, very commendable.

Since my last report, Prof. R. L. Fritz resigned his place in our faculty to accept a position in Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N. C. Rev. E. J. Sox was elected and called by the Board to fill the vacancy.

He entered upon his duties at the beginning of the summer term, and is doing very satisfactory work.

Prof. Yoder has been faithfully prosecuting his work as Synod's theological instructor. During the year he gave instruction in Dogmatics, Church History, Pastoral Theology, and Practical Homiletics. At present he has eleven (11) young men in his department.

A few dormitories were fitted up, and some excellent furniture procured during the past summer at a slight expense.

I am glad to be able to report some improvement in the finances of the college. The value of our school property is at least $20,000. The debt on this is not more than $5,000. Toward the liquidation of this debt we have unpaid subscriptions, regarded good, to the amount of $1200, and twelve unsold lots worth at least $1200. These amounts being deducted from the total liabilities leaves an indebtedness of $2600 yet to be provided for. Considering the importance of this institution to the Synod, it should not be difficult to find friends who will soon liquidate this debt, and aid in more fully equipping the college for thorough and successful work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,
*President of Board Trustees of Lenoir College.*

The following resolutions were read and adopted :

WHEREAS, Lenoir College has recently been received under the fostering care of our Synod, and

WHEREAS, We believe our Synod should devise the best plans for our college ; therefore, be it resolved by Synod :

1. That this Synod recommend to the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College that it take such action as will limit the term of office of the Trustees to four years, and as will enable this body to nominate one-fourth of the members at each annual meeting.

2. That the teachers of Lenoir College, who are engaged in ministerial work, be requested by this Synod to serve not more than one congregation if possible in connection with their college duties, and that their church work be as near Lenoir College as possible.

3. That every congregation in our Synod be asked to set apart one day in each year as College Day, and ask our people to contribute liberally to help pay off the present college indebtedness.

*Resolved*, That this Synod hereby extend an invitation to Rev. J. L. Deaton, financial agent of our college, to visit the different congregations in our Synod, and present the claims of Lenoir College in whatever way he thinks proper.

Synod adjourned until after preaching at night. Benediction by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

## NIGHT SESSION.

9.15 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. The roll was called.

The following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the names of Revs. C. H. Bernheim and G. E. Long be stricken from our ministerial roll.

Following this resolution, Rev. A. L. Crouse requested his name to be dropped from the ministerial roll. By motion, his request was not granted.

Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., read a forcible paper on "Our Loyalty to Our Synod," which he had prepared in compliance with the duty assigned to him by the Committee on Program.

Synod, by motion, endorsed the papers read by Revs. J. P. Miller and Dr. Moser and ordered the Secretary to have them printed as an appendix to the Minutes.

The following report was read and adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, your Committee on State of the Church, not having the information furnished in the way provided for by the Synod, but only through conversation and observation, beg leave to submit the following:

#### VIRGINIA.

In Virginia all our congregations are regularly served except the pastorate made vacant by the resignation of Rev. P. C. Wike. This pastorate is occasionally supplied by neighboring pastors. They have regular catechisation, and for the most part Sunday-schools.

From the information we have been able to gather we conclude that commendable progress has been made in our church in Virginia.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

In this State there has been considerable improvement since the last convention of Synod. The agitation and troubles of the past few years have been allayed to a considerable extent. Our conference sustained a severe loss during the year in the death of two of our most faithful workers; but their charges have already called pastors.

All our churches are regularly supplied with the means of grace except the Davidson pastorate.

There is a manifest improvement in the activities of the Christian life and in interest in the general work of the church. Upon the whole we have much reason to thank God and take courage.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

In South Carolina our church is progressing as well as could be expected by a conservative mind. All our congregations have regular services. All the fundamental doctrines and practices of our church are strictly adhered to. The spirit of Christian beneficence is continually being encouraged and cultivated. We have good reason to conclude that our church in South Carolina is enjoying a period of commendable peace and prosperity.

ALABAMA.

This part of our church has continued under the care of the Mission Board of the United Synod.

The only information we have of the progress of this part of our church is through the Secretary of the Board, Rev. L. K. Probst. From him we learn that the work is being sustained; and with its various difficulties the field is still a hopeful one; and by the blessings of God the Board hopes to make the mission in Alabama a success.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BECK,
J. C. MOSER.

The following were read and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Synod some years ago formulated a plan for the establishment of an Aged Pastors' Fund; and

WHEREAS, The ministers of Synod have largely neglected to pay their dues into this fund; we, therefore, direct the Treasurer of Synod to notify the delinquent pastors that their dues should be paid.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

TO THE MEMORY OF

## REVS. J. R. PETERSON AND J. F. MOSER.

Your committee, appointed to report resolutions on the deaths of Revs. J. R. Peterson and J. F. Moser, submit the following:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to remove our dear brethren from their labors on earth in the church militant to their rewards in the church triumphant, be it

*Resolved*, 1. That in the deaths of these brethren the church has lost two able and valiant defenders of her time-honored doctrines, society two faithful and devoted members, the State loyal citizens, and the families exemplary fathers and husbands. (Father Peterson was an aged and highly honored pastor in the North Carolina Conference, who served in the ministry fifty-four years, dying full of years and esteemed by all. Rev. Moser left this life in the prime of life, in the days of his strength and usefulness.)

*Resolved*, 2. That we humbly submit to the dispensation of our heavenly Father, that we devoutly cherish the memory of our beloved brethren and fellow laborers; that we hereby express our appreciation of their labors and toils and sacrifices for the cause of Christ, and that we lay seriously to heart the solemn lesson taught us.

*Resolved*, 3. That we tender the families of the deceased our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement, and commend them to the care of our kind heavenly Father.

*Resolved*, 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the families of the deceased, and that a page of our Minutes be inscribed to the memory of our departed brethren in Christ.

W. P. CLINE,
J. P. MILLER,
J. J. GEORGE.

## DELEGATES ELECTED TO THE UNITED SYNOD.

VIRGINIA.

| *Ministerial.* | *Lay.* |
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| Rev. E. H. Kohn | Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel, |
| " R. H. Cline | " Aaron Shutters, |
| " A. L. Boliek | " Isaac Shuler. |

NORTH CAROLINA.

| *Ministerial.* | *Lay.* |
|---|---|
| Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D. | Hon. A. Costner, |
| " J. P. Miller | Mr. A. P. Rhyne, |
| " J. J. George | " J. M. Rhoads, |
| " J. L. Cromer | " S. E. Killian. |

SOUTH CAROLINA.

| *Ministerial.* | *Lay.* |
|---|---|
| Rev. J. A. Cromer | Hon. C. M. Efird, |
| " A. R. Beck | Maj. J. H. Koon. |

During the last hours of Synod a letter was received from President Geo. B. Cromer, fraternal delegate of the South Carolina Synod, in which he expresses regret at being providentially hindered from meeting with us.

Relative to this no action was taken.

By motion, Mr. B. F. Hall was received as a beneficiary student.

## APPROPRIATION FOR BENEFICIARY AID.

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| John Hall | $90.00 |
| B. F. Hall | 85.00 |
| E. P. Conrad | 100.00 |

The following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Prof. R. A. Yoder be continued as theological instructor in Lenoir College; that he devote one-fourth his time to this work, and that an appropriation of $150 be made for such service.

## DELEGATES ELECTED TO OTHER SYNODS.

*To the South Carolina Synod*—Rev. E. L. Lybrand, principal; Rev. A. R. Beck, alternate.

*To the North Carolina Synod*—Rev. W. J. Boger, principal; Rev. J. P. Price, alternate.

*To the Virginia Synod*—Rev. E. H. Kohn, principal; Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, alternate.

A letter from Rev. C. L. T. Fisher, Vice-President of Elizabeth College, was read, upon which the following resolution was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That our Synod hereby returns thanks to the faculty of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N. C., for their kind invitation to visit their college; and that we recommend favorably Elizabeth College to parents who have girls and young ladies to educate.

The following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Synod appoint a Commission of six, two each from the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, with power to confer with adjacent Synods or their accredited representatives, relative to interlapping of congregational work, building of churches at or near where work has already been done or commenced, by a Lutheran Synod, and all matters appertaining thereto, to secure harmony and the best results to the Lutheran church.

The following Commission was appointed:

*Virginia*—Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt and Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel.

*South Carolina*—Rev. A. R. Beck and Mr. J. W. Summer.

*North Carolina*—Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., and Mr. A. Costner.

The following was adopted:

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

We hereby extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the brethren of this congregation and friends of the town for their kind hospitality manifested toward us during our sojourn in their midst, and our high appreciation of the excellent and appropriate music rendered by Major Koon and his choir during the services of this Synod.

By motion, a committee of three ministers was ordered to be appointed, whose duty should be to prepare and have published two months prior to the next meeting of Synod a suitable program for special work. The committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. L. Deaton, J. P. Miller, and J. P. Price.

There being no further business, at 11 p. m. Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place already selected.

The service as given in the Church Book was used for closing Synod.

J. C. MOSER, PRESIDENT.

A. R. BECK, SECRETARY.

## SERMONS PREACHED.

Thursday, 11 A. M.—Rev. J. J. George, Thanksgiving, 1 Thess. 3, 9.

Thursday, 8 P. M.—Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., Christian Benevolence, Mark 12, 41–44.

Friday, 11 A. M.—Rev. J. L. Deaton, True Revivalism, Zech. 4, 6.

Friday, 8 P. M.—Rev. J. C. Wessinger.

Saturday, 11 A. M.—Rev. W. P. Cline, Ordination, 1 Tim. 4, 16.

Saturday, 8 P. M.—Rev. J. P. Price, Missions, John 4, 35.

Sunday, 11 A. M.—In Mt. Tabor church—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Dedication, Col. 1, 18.

In the school-house near by—Rev. W. J. Boger.

In Presbyterian church, Brookland—Rev. J. P. Miller, Matt. 22, 42.

In Ebenezer church, Columbia—Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., Rev. 3, 20.

In Second Lutheran church, Columbia—Rev. A. R. Beck, 1 John 4, 20.

Sunday, 7.30 P. M.—In Mt. Tabor church—M. L. Pence.

In Presbyterian church, Brookland—Rev. J. P. Price.

In Ebenezer church, Columbia—Rev. R. A. Yoder, Matt. 28, 19.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael, Emmanuel.
CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Tabor, St. John.
RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.
ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh, St. Paul.
BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.
CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Trinity.
CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Mt. Gilead.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy, Mt. Olive, St. Andrew, St. Martin, Salem, Ebenezer.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew, St. Luke.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove, Lebanon.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin, St. John, Mt. Hermon.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon, Cedar Grove, and David's Chapel.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin, Zion.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel, St. Luke.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant, Holy Communion, Mt. Zion.

VIRGINIA.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.—Spring Valley.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel, St. Paul.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. Luke (Alma), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point, Beth Eden.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

CULPEPER COUNTY.—Trinity.

Total, 120.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, 1. That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to gather in each of his congregations at every morning service, the offerings of the people, for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod; and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

*Resolved*, 2. That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each annual meeting of the Synod, a written report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, 3. That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed by catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved*, 4. That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all of their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, 5. That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the synodical year, to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, 6. That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved*, 7. That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved*, 8. That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved*, 9. That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved*, 10. That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our ministers to ask their congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved*, 11. That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved*, 12 That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved*, 13. That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved*, 14. That the chairmen of the Executive Committee of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved*, 15. That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Board of Missions.

*Resolved*, 16. That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved*, 17. That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and, if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved*, 18. That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved*, 19. That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school

services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, 20. That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

*Resolved*, 21. That when used with proper limitations and qualifications we do not condemn either the phrase "in view of faith" or "unto faith" in explaining the doctrine of Election, guarding the former against Synergistic inferences and the latter against Calvinistic tendencies.

*Resolved*, 22. That this Synod recommend to her pastors that they devote their entire time and energy to the work of the ministry, and call upon their people to give them such support as will make it unnecessary for them to engage in other professions.

*Resolved*, 23. In order to effect and maintain permanent relations between Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, it is agreed to by the parties as follows :—On the part of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College, party of the first part, that in consideration of the moral and financial support of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and to promote the educational interest of the church in her connection, and for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom, the said Board of Trustees of Lenoir College agree that they will grant the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, party of the second part, the right to nominate seven additional members to the present six members of the Board of Trustees of said College, who shall be elected by said Board; and further the said Synod shall have the right any time hereafter, to nominate a member to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board, and the member so nominated shall be elected by the Board for such vacancy: Provided however if at any time a vacancy should occur, and the Synod should fail to make a nomination within 18 months after such vacancy should occur, the Board proceed to nominate and elect a member to fill such vacancy: said action to be subject to the approval of the said Synod at its next meeting after such action on the part of the Board.

The Board agrees further that it will report through its president to each regular convention of Synod; this report to include a full statement of the condition of the school, moral, financial, &c.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, party of the second part, in consideration of the aforesaid rights and privileges granted them by the party of the first part, and to carry out the laudable object set forth herein, agrees to give the said College her hearty moral and financial support.

# PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| PASTORS. | Ordained. | Congregations. | Confirmed Members—Males. | Confirmed Members—Females. | Communicants. | Baptized Members not Confirmed. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptists. | Catechumens. | Confirmations. | Received by Letter. | Dismi'ed by Letter. | Deaths. | Expulsions | Restorations. | Sunday-schools. | S. S. Teachers—Males. | S. S. Teachers—Females. | S. S. Scholars—Males. | S. S. Scholars—Females. | Months in Session. | United Synod Home Missions. | United Synod Foreign Missions. | Synodical Fund (including Beneficiary Education). | Conference Missions. | Pastor's Salary (from all sources). | Other Objects (Building Churches, Parsonages, &c.) | Beneficence for Building other Churches. | Aged Pastors' Fund. | Orphan Home. | Total Beneficence. |
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| *I. Conder | 1861 | | | | | | | 8 | 45 | | | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | $ 182 00 | | | | | |
| L. A. Bikle | 1862 | | 28 | 30 | 45 | 15 | | 4 | 13 | 7 | 1 | | | | | | 3 | 4 | 21 | 24 | 12 | | | $ 17 50 | $ 10 00 | 500 00 | $ 60 00 | $ 25 00 | | | $ 52 50 |
| J. N. Stirewalt | 1871 | 4 | | | 250 | 250 | 11 | 19 | | 40 | 2 | | 14 | | | 3 | | | | | 8 | | | | 40 00 | 218 00 | | | | | 40 00 |
| J. Paul Stirewalt | 1873 | 4 | 291 | 328 | 619 | | 13 | 43 | 98 | 44 | | 1 | 38 | | | 4 | 14 | 14 | 87 | 163 | 12 | $ 2 75 | | 55 82 | 80 97 | 500 00 | 113 82 | | | | 159 54 |
| J. C. Moser | 1873 | 2 | | 400 | 400 | 325 | | 25 | 75 | 34 | 22 | 2 | 10 | | | 3 | | 25 | | 300 | | | | | 40 00 | 700 00 | | | | | 40 00 |
| J. A. Cromer | 1877 | 5 | | 524 | | 346 | 2 | 23 | | 22 | 4 | | 5 | | | 6 | | 32 | | 340 | | | $10 00 | 45 00 | 4 50 | 325 00 | | | | 96 00 | 155 50 |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 1877 | 4 | | | 220 | 50 | 4 | 6 | 20 | 6 | | 7 | 3 | | | 2 | | | | | 7 | | | | | 240 00 | | | | | |
| J. K. Efird | 1877 | 2 | 34 | 40 | 74 | 60 | | 9 | 10 | | 1 | | | | | 2 | 5 | 6 | 39 | 47 | 12 | | | | 35 00 | 400 00 | 350 00 | | | | 35 00 |
| E. L. Lybrand | 1878 | 1 | 15 | 20 | 35 | 30 | | 6 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 5 | 3 | 35 | 40 | 12 | | | | | 100 00 | 1100 00 | | | | |
| R. A. Yoder | 1879 | 4 | 158 | 208 | 366 | 324 | | 35 | 40 | 13 | | | 7 | | 1 | 3 | 6 | 51 | 43 | 12 | | | | 31 28 | 15 00 | 345 00 | | | | 13 73 | 60 01 |
| W. P. Cline | 1881 | 4 | | | 201 | 354 | | 8 | 40 | | | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | | 70 | | | | 15 00 | 10 00 | 200 00 | 1085 00 | | | 2 67 | 27 67 |
| †J. S. Koiner | 1881 | 1 | 10 | 14 | 24 | 15 | | 1 | 20 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D. A. Goodman | 1882 | 1 | 22 | 23 | 45 | 31 | | 7 | 9 | 6 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 9 | 8 | | | | 5 00 | 40 00 | | 2 00 | | 1 00 | 8 00 |
| D. A. Sox | 1883 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 | 2 | 22 | 38 | | 35 | | 4 | 20 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | 15 | 10 | 6 | 3 80 | | | | | | | | | 3 80 |
| R. H. Cline | 1885 | 4 | 95 | 105 | 200 | | | 8 | 25 | 7 | | | 3 | | | 2 | 8 | 7 | 60 | 70 | 9 | | | 10 00 | 9 00 | 300 00 | 900 00 | | | | |
| ‡P. C. Wike | 1886 | 4 | | | 300 | | 3 | 15 | 80 | 13 | | 1 | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | 61 00 | 400 00 | | | | | |
| J. P. Price | 1888 | 3 | 169 | | | 406 | | 7 | | 11 | 1 | | 3 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 20 00 | 10 00 | 320 00 | | | | 7 60 | 37 60 |
| D. I. Offman | 1889 | 3 | | 144 | | | 3 | 6 | | 13 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wm. L. Darr | 1889 | 3 | 56 | 73 | 125 | 45 | | 15 | 45 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 36 | 50 | 12 | | | 6 50 | | 250 00 | 285 00 | | | | 8 25 |
| J. P. Miller | 1889 | 2 | 87 | 97 | 150 | 126 | | 9 | 32 | 6 | | 1 | 3 | | | 2 | 9 | 3 | 75 | 80 | 9 | 14 33 | | 20 00 | 20 39 | 366 66 | 100 00 | | | 19 00 | 73 72 |
| J. L. Deaton | 1891 | 4 | | | 140 | 150 | | 10 | 60 | 30 | | | | 2 | 1 | 4 | | | | | 8 | | | 6 20 | 18 40 | 350 00 | 1000 00 | | | | 24 60 |
| A. L. Boliek | 1891 | 5 | | | 265 | 135 | 4 | 25 | 45 | 23 | 3 | | 10 | | | 3 | 6 | 6 | 70 | 74 | 9 | | | | 80 03 | 300 00 | | | | 7 25 | 87 25 |
| Jacob Wike | 1891 | 4 | | 480 | | 250 | | 22 | 50 | 17 | 3 | | 10 | | | 4 | | 25 | | 230 | 12 | | | 32 62 | 6 60 | 350 00 | 100 00 | | | 2 50 | 41 72 |
| A. R. Beck | 1892 | 2 | 546 | | 425 | 400 | | 41 | 94 | 42 | 7 | 4 | 14 | | | 4 | 14 | 11 | | 350 | 9 | 7 00 | | 40 00 | 9 00 | 450 00 | 118 00 | | | | 56 00 |
| E. H. Kohn | 1893 | 3 | 143 | 207 | 350 | 143 | 13 | 17 | 25 | 23 | 3 | 2 | | | | 2 | 7 | 7 | 70 | 72 | 12 | 25 | 25 | | 43 25 | 475 00 | 158 73 | | | | 43 75 |
| J. C. Wessinger | 1893 | 4 | | | 475 | 400 | 1 | 54 | 60 | 49 | 3 | 2 | 10 | | | 4 | | 12 | | 200 | | | | 30 00 | | 300 00 | 150 00 | | | | 30 00 |
| ¶John J. George | 1893 | 2 | 58 | 90 | 130 | 105 | | 10 | 89 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 58 | 5 | 71 | 49 | 12 | | | 25 00 | 24 00 | 500 00 | 112 22 | 35 00 | 7 60 | 16 52 | 123 19 |
| E. J. Sox | 1895 | 4 | 113 | 119 | 220 | 225 | | 34 | 30 | 24 | 7 | 1 | 7 | | | 2 | 8 | 7 | 74 | 54 | 9 | | | 15 75 | | 265 00 | | 54 00 | | | 69 75 |
| J. L. Cromer | 1895 | 4 | 170 | 180 | 350 | 400 | 1 | 40 | 65 | 34 | 12 | 2 | 5 | | | 3 | 12 | 18 | 115 | 135 | 12 | | | 5 00 | 55 00 | 41 90 | 350 00 | 450 00 | 25 00 | 10 00 | 131 90 |
| W. H. Roof | 1895 | 4 | | 443 | 266 | | | | 50 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 7 | | | 3 | 12 | 7 | | 168 | 12 | | | | | 350 00 | | | | | |
| M. L. Pence | 1896 | 2 | 196 | 204 | 400 | 101 | 3 | 34 | 25 | 53 | 8 | 4 | 6 | | | 2 | 7 | 8 | 97 | 100 | 9 | | | 35 50 | 80 46 | 325 00 | | | | 8 61 | 124 57 |
| §P. D. Risinger | 1897 | 3 | | 85 | 85 | | 2 | 1 | 20 | 13 | | | 1 | | | 2 | | 5 | | 45 | 12 | | | 8 65 | | 179 00 | | | | | 10 15 |
| W. J. Boger | 1897 | 2 | | 166 | 148 | | | 6 | 10 | | | | | | | 2 | | 13 | | 120 | 12 | | | 35 00 | 6 50 | | | | | | 41 50 |
| ‖Supplied | | 1 | 45 | 60 | 80 | | | 9 | 10 | 14 | 3 | | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 22 | 9 | | | | 4 00 | 79 00 | 24 00 | | | | 4 00 |
| Total | | (a) 108 | (b) 8462 | | 6388 | 4521 | 60 | 563 | 1215 | 561 | 101 | 34 | 178 | 2 | 4 | 77 | 138 | 237 | | 3793 | | $28 13 | $31 82 | $509 82 | $650 00 | $9659 86 | $6106 77 | $141 00 | $ 9 85 | $204 88 | $1569 95 |

(*a*) (*b*) Includes Davidson pastorate (vacant), 6 congregations and 325 confirmed members; Rev. J. R. Peterson's, 4 congregations and 250 confirmed members.

*Report for seven months, supplying Rev. P. C. Wike's charge. † This congregation is not now in an organized condition, and has been served by Rev. Koiner but a short time. ‡This record is for but six months work. ¶ Suspensions, 2. §This report dates from May 1, 1897. ‖ Report of Antioch congregation.

NOTES.—This report does not include 8 congregations whose relation to Synod is rather abnormal, and 4 congregations which asked to be dismissed at the last meeting of Synod. The columns giving number of confirmed members—male and female, is not exact. The time given of "Months in Session" of the Sunday-schools is the highest

# APPENDIX.

## LENOIR COLLEGE OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

BY REV. J. P. MILLER.

Most persons present, I suppose, know that the Tennessee Synod has a school at Hickory, North Carolina, by the name of Lenoir College. For about twenty years, Synod has had under its fostering care a school, with a brief interim of a few years. And during this short interval she was without only in name.

At first it was located at Conover, North Carolina, under the name of Concordia College. It was opened in July of 1877, just twenty years ago, with Prof. R. A. Yoder as sole instructor. The first year was conducted in a small private house, with nineteen pupils on opening day. In September of 1878, the school was moved into the present building at Conover, under the name of Concordia High School. For the first four years the school was run by Prof. Yoder and wife, with such help as could be secured from among the students. In 1881, the school was chartered under the name of Concordia College. The next year several additional professors were called: Revs. J. C. Moser and J. S. Koiner. And the same year Dr. P. C. Henkel was called as president of the institution. This position he held for several years, though it amounted to little more than a nominal connection with the school.

And thus, with the usual "ups and downs" and occasional changes in the faculty, the school ran for some years. During these years the following names of instructors appear, some for a longer and some for a shorter period: Revs. R. A. Yoder, J. C. Moser, J. S. Koiner, J. F. Moser, D. A. Sox, J. G. Schaid, and J. P. Miller. Others may have taught for a short while, but were not elected by the Board as regular professors.

In 1891, difficulties and dissatisfactions having arisen with reference to the location of our school, the faculty, with one exception, Rev. J. G. Schaid, resigned. Soon after, the Board manned the school with an element hostile to Synod. And upon the refusal of the Board to elect such teachers as would run the school in the interest of Synod, she, in 1892, severed her connection with said school. Meanwhile some of the former professors had gone to Hickory and built up a flourishing school with the provisional name of Highland

College. On the 3d of January, 1892, the college was rechristened and named "Lenoir," in honor of Col. W. W. Lenoir, who donated the site. It was chartered at same date.

During the latter part of 1892 and the first part of 1893. the present magnificent structure was erected. The erection of this building was made possible only by the tremendous self-sacrifice of a few individuals, with the help of such friends as were interested in the cause. Since then, others have nobly come to the rescue, and helped lighten the too heavy burden.

From its beginning to the present time the following have served as regular professors of the school: Revs. R. A. Yoder, J. C. Moser, A. L. Crouse, J. P. Miller, W. P. Cline, R. L. Fritz, and E. J. Sox, three of whom, viz., Yoder, Cline, and Sox constitute the present faculty; *i. e.*, exclusive of primary, business, and musical departments. From its beginning Prof. Yoder has been the president. Indeed, it is a remarkable fact, that, barring a brief interval of four years, our present principal has been connected with Synod's school from its beginning, more than half the time as its president. In our paper we deemed it advisable to give a brief historical sketch of Synod's school from its beginning; and in doing so we have devoted some time in speaking of Concordia College. We could not well do otherwise, since our present school is in reality Synod's former school, Concordia, moved to a different place and called by a different name.

At present, as you will hear from the report of the President of the Board, the school is in a prosperous condition, the faculty full and efficient, and the number of students fairly good—114.

From this brief historical sketch I wish to turn to

A FEW OF THE MOST IMPERATIVE NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL.

"All that glitters is not gold."

School work is all pleasant and profitable to one looking at it from a distance.

"Distance lends enchantment to the view."

To read newspaper reports of schools, to visit an occasional entertainment or annual commencement, one would think it all lovely, all holiday, all financial success. But this is not the case, especially where preparatory and primary students are admitted, and where the want of an endowment fund keeps it in continual financial straits.

No college student pays for all he gets. He is some one's beneficiary. If there is no other fund from which to draw, it comes of the sacrifice of the teachers. Hence the failure, often, in unendowed institutions, of instructors doing what is considered their full duty. They resort to other callings or occupations to supplement their small salaries. Their time and energies are divided. They fail of

that full measure of success which a competent support would assure. They are blamed for it. And whilst I would not excuse them from all blame; yet, I think, the chief blame rests upon the existing state of affairs—not upon any individual or set of individuals. Most ministers and teachers are too timid to make complaint; or, if they do complain, they fail to press their rights. They would rather supplement their meager salaries some other way than to continually complain of smallness of salary. But, by a failure to make our needs known and demanding our rights, we wrong both ourselves and our patrons. By dividing our time and talents we lessen our own efficiency for doing good, we fail to give our patrons the service they need, and we educate them in the grace (?) of Christian stinginess.

Directly to our school, *Lenoir College*, and its special needs.

1. First, we would notice *the better equipment of the school.* Besides a debt of several thousand dollars on the present property, it is not yet completed. This should be done at an early day. The unfinished rooms could be profitably utilized; and then too, it mars the appearance of the building to have it only partially finished within.

2. Again, the College is greatly in need of *scientific apparatus and a good, well-selected library.* Our library is entirely too small, and half of what we have are old copies of the German Bible, which few read, and books considered worthless by their donors, some of them almost obsolete. These fill up, but they are hard to digest! We will never have a good, well-selected library till we have some hundreds to invest in the purchasing of carefully selected books.

3. Also, *better arrangement for club boarding* should be made. To this end a boarding hall should be erected, and one of the professors or some other competent person should have the management and oversight of it. Whilst board is low, yet it is the chief item of expense at a college like ours, where tuition is low, and where fashion does not reign supreme. Many a poor boy is kept away from school merely because of his inability to pay ordinary prices for board. I know a school, a good school, too, where board is reduced to the very low figure of $3 and less per month—board and all expenses consequent thereto. Some may object to board at these low figures. Let such as have the means and inclination engage more expensive board. But many a boy boards at his home on $3 per month. Is he better at school than at home? Of course, board at this minimum of expense can be secured only on the co-operative plan.

4. Another very important need,

THE HEARTY SYMPATHY AND CO-OPERATION OF THE WHOLE SYNOD.

This is imperative, if our school is to reach that full measure of success which it deserves. What can the School of the Tennessee Synod do without the sympathy and co-operation of its members? The

who shall be elected by said Board; and further the said Synod shall have the right any time hereafter, to nominate a member to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board, and the member so nominated shall be elected by the Board for such vacancy: Provided however if at any time a vacancy should occur, and the Synod should fail to make a nomination within 18 months after such vacancy should occur, the Board proceed to nominate and elect a member to fill such vacancy: said action to be subject to the approval of the said Synod at its next meeting after such action on the part of the Board.

The Board agrees further that it will report through its president to each regular convention of Synod; this report to include a full statement of the condition of the school, moral, financial, &c.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, party of the second part, in consideration of the aforesaid rights and privileges granted them by the party of the first part, and to carry out the laudable object set forth herein, agrees to give the said College her hearty moral and financial support.

# PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| PASTORS. | Entered Ministry. | Congregations. | Communicants. | Souls. | Adult Baptisms. | Infant Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Received by Letter. | Transfers. | Deaths. | Expulsions. | Sunday-schools. | S. S. Teachers. | S. S. Scholars. | Beneficiary Education. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Synodical Fund. | Confer. Missions. | Current Expenses. | Other Objects. | Aged Pastors' Fund. | Minutes Wanted. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J. R. Peterson | 1843 | 4 | 243 | . . | . | 5 | 7 | 1 | . | 2 | . | 3 | . | . | . . | $ 20 00 | . . | $ 2 00 | $ 10 00 | $ 200 00 | . . . . | . . | 20 |
| *Socrates Henkel, D. D. | 1850 | 2 | 287 | 547 | 2 | 11 | 9 | . | . | 11 | . | 2 | 15 | 140 | . . | . . | . . | . . . | 150 00 | 250 00 | $ 100 00 | . . | 50 |
| L. A. Bikle | 1859 | 2 | 165 | 100 | . | 6 | 4 | . | . | 4 | . | 2 | 10 | 80 | . . | 30 00 | . . | 20 00 | 10 00 | 400 00 | 250 00 | . . | 30 |
| J. N. Stirewalt | 1871 | 4 | 454 | . . | 4 | 12 | 29 | . | . | 11 | . | 3 | 15 | 120 | . . | . . | . . | 1 20 | 42 24 | 350 00 | 1200 00 | . . | 12 |
| J. Paul Stirewalt | 1873 | 4 | 600 | 1010 | 13 | 40 | 24 | . | 1 | 43 | . | 3 | 25 | 225 | . . | . . | . . | 3 00 | 348 35 | 500 00 | . . . . | . . | 50 |
| J. C. Moser | 1873 | 3 | 412 | 750 | . | 32 | 28 | 1 | . | 10 | . | 3 | 25 | 310 | . . | . . | . . | . . . | 28 00 | 650 00 | . . . . | . . | 75 |
| S. S. Rahn | 1874 | 3 | 96 | . . | . | 2 | 2 | 2 | . | 2 | . | 2 | 8 | 75 | . . | 5 00 | $ 6 00 | . . | 2 45 | 150 00 | . . . . | . . | 20 |
| J. W. Hausenfluck | 1877 | 4 | . . | 400 | 3 | 11 | 20 | . | 4 | 4 | . | 3 | 16 | 200 | $ 6 10 | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | 20 |
| J. A. Cromer | 1877 | 5 | 504 | 850 | 1 | 34 | 18 | . | . | 8 | . | 6 | 32 | 335 | . . . | . . . | . . . | 55 00 | 5 00 | 325 00 | . . . . | . . | 100 |
| E. L. Lybrand | 1877 | ‡1 | 25 | 55 | . | 40 | ‖ 25 | . | . | . | . | 1 | 7 | 50 | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | 100 00 | 400 00 | . . . . | . . | 10 |
| J. K. Efird | 1877 | 2 | 77 | 145 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 2 | . | 3 | . | 1 | 5 | 92 | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | 194 50 | 95 00 | 15 00 | . . | 20 |
| R. A. Yoder | 1879 | 4 | 393 | 575 | 2 | 27 | 31 | 15 | . | 8 | . | 1 | 7 | 57 | 40 00 | 25 00 | . . . | 10 00 | . . . | 375 00 | 1000 00 | . . | 80 |
| W. P. Cline | 1881 | 3 | 148 | 250 | . | 15 | 8 | . | 12 | . | 1 | 2 | 7 | 101 | . . . | . . . | . . . | 10 00 | 20 00 | 50 00 | . . . . | . . | 40 |
| D. A. Goodman | 1882 | 1 | 41 | 72 | . | 5 | 1 | . | . | 2 | . | 1 | 4 | 24 | . . . | . . . | . . . | 3 50 | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | 20 |
| D. J. Settlemyre | 1883 | 2 | 60 | 93 | . | . | 3 | . | . | 1 | . | 2 | . | 75 | . . . | 70 | . . . | . . . | . . . | 255 00 | . . . . | . . | 12 |
| P. C. Wike | 1886 | 4 | 315 | 590 | 3 | 24 | 10 | . | 1 | 8 | . | 3 | . | . . | . . . | 13 30 | . . . | 32 39 | 163 28 | 400 00 | 30 00 | . . | 60 |
| J. P. Price | 1888 | 3 | 160 | 402 | 1 | 7 | 4 | . | . | 1 | . | 2 | 8 | 100 | . . . | . . . | . . . | 20 00 | 9 50 | 3 15 | . . . . | . . | 36 |
| J. F. Moser | 1889 | 2 | 175 | 310 | 1 | 14 | 12 | 3 | . | . | . | 2 | 14 | 125 | . . . | . . . | ¶23 30 | 27 30 | 20 00 | 450 00 | . . . . | . . | 40 |
| Wm. L. Darr | 1889 | 3 | 115 | 153 | . | 19 | 40 | 30 | 4 | 5 | . | 2 | 8 | 68 | . . . | 4 00 | 4 00 | 40 41 | 3 00 | 352 50 | 63 00 | $ 3 50 | 45 |
| J. P. Miller | 1889 | 2 | 184 | 336 | . | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | . | 2 | 12 | 105 | . . . | 11 25 | . . . | 20 00 | 23 00 | 400 00 | 115 00 | . . | 35 |
| Jacob Wike | 1891 | 4 | 475 | 725 | . | 20 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | . | 4 | 25 | 215 | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | 350 00 | . . . . | . . | 100 |
| †J. L. Deaton | 1891 | 2 | 109 | 280 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 4 | . | . | . | 3 | 12 | 165 | . . . | . . . | . . . | 6 00 | . . . | 125 00 | 450 00 | . . | 12 |
| A. L. Bolick | 1891 | 5 | 260 | 375 | 2 | 16 | 9 | . | . | 4 | . | 2 | 6 | 120 | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | 62 99 | 330 00 | 150 00 | . . | 50 |
| A. R. Beck | 1892 | 2 | 506 | 900 | . | 21 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 9 | . | 2 | 18 | 205 | . . . | 12 81 | . . . | 31 00 | 10 00 | 450 00 | . . . . | . . | 80 |
| J. C. Wessinger | 1893 | 4 | 450 | 875 | 2 | 42 | 22 | . | . | 14 | . | 3 | 12 | 175 | . . . | 8 30 | . . . | 23 31 | 24 65 | 215 00 | . . . . | . . | 60 |
| John J. George | 1893 | 2 | 150 | 238 | . | . | 1 | . | . | 3 | . | 2 | 9 | 90 | . . . | . . . | . . . | 15 00 | 11 50 | 247 90 | 700 00 | 5 10 | 30 |
| R. L. Fritz | 1894 | 2 | 90 | 172 | 2 | 10 | 4 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | 11 20 | . . . | 100 00 | 10 00 | . . | 25 |
| J. L. Cromer | 1895 | 5 | 365 | 700 | . | 33 | 38 | 14 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 225 | . . . | . . . | . . . | 20 00 | 15 00 | 375 00 | 75 00 | . . | 70 |
| E. J. Sox | 1895 | 3 | 350 | 600 | . | 5 | 2 | . | . | . | . | 3 | 22 | 229 | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | 100 |
| W. H. Roof | 1895 | 1 | 21 | 29 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | 6 |
| Davidson pastor.—Vacant | . . | 5 | 310 | 550 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . . | . . . . | . . | 30 |
| Total | | 93 | 7540 | 11082 | 39 | 478 | 379 | 78 | 35 | 171 | 3 | 68 | 344 | 3706 | $ 46 10 | $130 36 | $ 33 30 | $351 41 | 1153 46 | $7498 55 | $4558 00 | $ 8 60 | 1338 |

*Resigned and elected as Pastor Emeritus. †Report for four months. ‡This report covers only two and a half months. ‖Four congregations till June ‖Only five in present congregation. ¶Includes amount contributed for Home Missions.

The following ministers did not report: Revs. T. Moser, C. H. Bernheim, J. M. Smith, I. Conder, A. L. Crouse, J. S. Koiner, D. A. Sox, R. H. Cline, D. C. Huffman, D. I. Offman, G. E. Long, and S. S. Keisler. *This report is very incomplete.*

## PAROCHIAL REPORT.

The following Form of Parochial Report was adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in session at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran church, near Tom's Brook, Virginia, August 22–25, 1896.

*Date* . . . . . .

*Pastor's Name* . . . . . .

*Address* . . . . . .

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| Ordained | |
| Congregations | |
| Confirmed Members — Males | |
| Confirmed Members — Females | |
| Communicants | |
| Baptized Members not Confirmed | |
| Adult Baptisms | |
| Infant Baptisms | |
| Catechumens | |
| Confirmations | |
| Received by Letter | |
| Dismissed by Letter | |
| Deaths | |
| Expulsions | |
| Restorations | |
| Sunday-schools | |
| Sunday-school Teachers — Males | |
| Sunday-school Teachers — Females | |
| Sunday-school Scholars — Males | |
| Sunday-school Scholars — Females | |
| Months in Session of Sunday-schools | |
| United Synod Home Missions | |
| United Synod Foreign Missions | |
| Synodical Fund (including Beneficiary Education) | |
| Conference Missions | |
| Pastor's Salary (from all sources) | |
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## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

The next convention will be held with St. Matthew's congregation, Shenandoah county, Va., beginning on Saturday, 10 A. M., before the 4th Sunday in August, 1896.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HICKORY, N. C.,
SATURDAY, 10 A. M., SEPT. 28, 1895.

According to adjournment of its last convention the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in regular session in St. Andrew's church, Hickory, N. C., at 10 o'clock A. M., September 28, 1895.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Moser, retiring President; text, John 17 : 21.

### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

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| Rev. J. R. Peterson | Dallas, N. C. |
| " T. Moser* | Mt. Pleasant, N. C. |
| " S. Henkel, D. D.* | New Market, Va. |
| " C. H. Bernheim | Lexington, N. C. |
| " J. M. Smith | Conover, N. C. |
| " Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D. † | King's Mountain, N. C. |
| " I. Conder ‡ | McGaheysville, Va. |
| " J. N. Stirewalt † | Luray, Va. |
| " A. L. Crouse | Hickory, N. C. |
| " J. P. Stirewalt † | New Market, Va. |
| " Prof. J. C. Moser | Hickory, N. C. |
| " S. S. Rahn * | Monroe, N. C. |
| " J. A. Cromer | Columbia, S. C. |
| " E. L. Lybrand † | Summit, S. C. |
| " Prof. R. A. Yoder | Hickory, N. C. |

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused. ‡Absent—action overlooked.

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| Rev. | Prof. J. S. Koiner* | Luray, Va. |
| " | Prof. J. I. Miller, D. D. † | Buena Vista, Va. |
| " | D. A. Sox ‡ | Edwardsville, Ala. |
| " | D. A. Goodman | Connelly Springs, N. C. |
| " | J. W. Hausenfluck* | Rockingham, Va. |
| " | Prof. W. P. Cline | Hickory, N. C. |
| " | D. J. Settlemyre ‡ | Beecham, Ala. |
| " | J. K. Efird | Manassas, Va. |
| " | Prof. R. H. Cline* | Shenandoah, Va. |
| " | P. C. Wike | Tom's Brook, Va. |
| " | D. C. Huffman | Hickory, N. C. |
| " | J. P. Price | Concord, N. C. |
| " | J. F. Moser | Mt. Holly, N. C. |
| " | W. L. Darr | Spring Hill, S. C. |
| " | D. I. Offman | Melanchthon, N. C. |
| " | J. P. Miller | China Grove, N. C. |
| " | Jacob Wike | Pinnix, N. C. |
| " | A. R. Beck | Ilex, N. C. |
| " | S. L. Nease | Little Mountain, S. C. |
| " | A. L. Boliek* | Headquarters, Va. |
| " | F. C. Oberly* | Luray, Va. |
| " | G. E. Long | Conover, N. C. |
| " | J. C. Wessinger | Henry, N. C. |
| " | J. J. George | Cherryville, N. C. |
| " | Prof. R. L. Fritz | Hickory, N. C. |
| " | S. S. Keisler ‡ | Ops, Arkansas. |
| " | W. H. Roof | Summit, S. C. |
| " | J. L. Cromer | Hickory, N. C. |
| " | E. J. Sox | Hickory, N. C. |

## CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

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| Francis K. Roof | Columbia, S. C. |
| H. Julian Mathias | Lexington, S. C. |
| J. Allen Arndt | Arndt, N. C. |
| Cephas K. Lippard | Mt. Holly, N. C. |
| George A. Riser | Tupelo, Miss. |
| M. Luther Pence | Cootes's Store, Va. |
| J. T. Craps | Lewiedale, S. C. |
| E. L. Wessinger | Fairbanks, S. C. |
| W. J. Boger | Flows, N. C. |
| John C. Deitz | Hickory, N. C. |

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused. ‡Absent—action overlooked.

## BENEFICIARIES.

E. J. Sox . . . . . Hickory, N. C.
George A. Riser . . . . . Tupelo, Miss.
M. Luther Pence . . . . . Cootes's Store, Va.

## LAY-DELEGATES ENROLLED.

D. Walter Hite—Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, and St. James's, S. C.
J. S. Wheeler—St. Peter's (P. W.), S. C.
J. W. Summer—St. John's, S. C.
B. D. Wessinger—St. Jacob's, Bethlehem, St. Thomas, and Mt. Horeb, S. C.
J. T. Fogleman—Mt. Pleasant, Alamance county, N. C.
W. W. Fry—Friendship, Alexander county, N. C.
S. L. Blackwelder—Salem, Alexander county, N. C.
A. A. Boliek—Shiloh, Alexander county, N. C.
E. A. Chapman—St. Paul's, Alexander county, N. C.
L. J. Yount—Philadelphia, Caldwell county, N. C.
W. C. Corpening—Mt. Zion, Caldwell county, N. C.
M. H. Bolch—Trinity, Caldwell county, N. C.
J. L. Bost—St. Martin's, Cabarrus county, N. C.
G. W. Rabb—St. James's, Catawba county, N. C.
F. A. Yoder—Grace, Catawba county, N. C.
C. L. Coon—Concordia, Catawba county, N. C.
N. E. Sigman—St. John's, Catawba county, N. C.
M. D. Miller—St. Paul's, Catawba county, N. C.
S. E. Spenser—St. Stephen's, Catawba county, N. C.
Noah Hahn—Zion, Catawba county, N. C.
J. W. Mouser—Holy Trinity, Catawba county, N. C.
D. P. Yount—Newton, Catawba county, N. C.
Solomon Rudisill—Sardis, Catawba county, N. C.
J. F. Holler—Bethel, Catawba county, N. C.
J. A. Yount—St. Timothy's, Catawba county, N. C.
Jacob Seaboch—Mt. Olive, Catawba county, N. C.
Wm. Yoder—St. Andrew's, Catawba county, N. C.
Everette Conrad—Pilgrim, Davidson county, N. C.
Washington Beck—Beck's Church, Davidson county, N. C.
Haley Myers—Emmanuel, Davidson county, N. C.
W. A. Beck—New Jerusalem, Davidson county, N. C.
W. L. Grimes—Holly Grove, Davidson county, N. C.
M. S. Rudisill—St. Mark's, Gaston county, N. C.
P. M. Rhyne—Philadelphia, Gaston county, N. C.

W. W. Stroup—Lutheran Chapel, Gaston county, N. C.
M. L. Rudisill—St. John's, Gaston county, N. C.
G. E. C. Pasour—Antioch, Gaston county, N. C.
Jacob Jenkins—Christ's Church, Gaston county, N. C.
A. P. Rhyne—Mt. Holly, Gaston county, N. C.
D. Coble—Coble, Guilford county, N. C.
J. P. Collins—St. Martin's, Iredell county, N. C.
J. S. Fry—St. John's, Iredell county, N. C.
O. B. Sain—Daniel's, Lincoln county, N. C.
J. S. Goodman—Trinity, Lincoln county, N. C.
A. Costner—Salem, Lincoln county, N. C.
J. P. Smith—Sharon, Lincoln county, N. C.
R. W. Jones—Melanchthon, Randolph county, N. C.
J. S. Lipe—Mt. Moriah, Rowan county, N. C.
J. C. Hinson—St. Mark's, Rowan county, N. C.
N. P. Efird—St. Martin's, Stanley county, N. C.
Jacob Townsend—Friendship, Watauga county, N. C.
H. A. Davis—Mt. Pleasant, Watauga county, N. C.
Elon O. Henkel—Emmanuel, New Market, Va.
D. F. Efird—Zion's church, S. C.
Q. M. Smith—St. Peter's, Catawba county, N. C.
M. R. Bost—St. Martin's, Catawba county, N. C.
W. H. Roof—Emmanuel's, Lexington county, S. C.

Two delegates having presented credentials of election from St. Paul's congregation, Catawba county, N. C., the following committee on credentials was appointed: Revs. J. K. Efird and P. C. Wike, and Messrs. J. S. Lipe, P. M. Rhyne, and N. P. Efird.

Rev. J. F. Moser, President of Synod for the synodical year now past, read his annual report.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—In the blessing of God another synodical year has gone by; its labors and toils, its sorrows and trials, its successes and failures are now in the past.

We meet today in the 75th annual convention of the Tennessee Synod with many things for which we can and ought to be thankful to Almighty God, whose ever watchful care has been over us, and directed, cheered, and sustained us.

The invincible hand of death has been laid upon us and called from

time to eternity one of our members. Stricken with fever, Rev. J. A. Rudisill, on July 21st, surrendered his spirit to God. In the midst of his labors, in the full vigor and strength of his manhood, the call of the Master came to him, summoning him to his reward. We can not help but exclaim, "*How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out.*"

OFFICIAL ACTS.

I have issued orders on the Treasurer of Synod for the following: Order in favor of Rev. A. L. Crouse, $120; Henkel & Co., $25; Rev. D. A. Sox, $150; Rev. D. A. Sox, $87; S. S. Keisler, beneficiary, $70; J. L. Cromer, beneficiary, $49.05; Geo. A. Riser, beneficiary, $24; E. J. Sox, beneficiary, $70.

RESIGNATIONS.

During December, 1894, Rev. J. G. Schaid notified me that he had resigned St. Peter's (P. W.); and during the same month Rev. D. J. Settlemyre notified me that he had resigned the Rowan charge, consisting of Mt. Moriah and St. Mark's.

Early in January, 1895, Rev. W. L. Darr notified me that he had resigned his charge, consisting of St. Jacob's, St. Thomas, Bethlehem, and Mt. Horeb.

On the 3d Sunday in January, I resigned St. Luke's, Monroe, N. C.

On the 21st of January, Prof. S. S. Rahn notified me that he had resigned Lutheran Chapel, Gaston county, N. C., to take effect April 1st, and also that he had given up the mission at Lincolnton, N. C.

On Nov. 30, 1894, Rev. Jacob Wike notified me that he had resigned Beck's, New Jerusalem, and Emmanuel's, Davidson county, N. C.

On June 14, 1895, Rev. J. C. Moser notified me that he had resigned Philadelphia, Caldwell county, N. C.

CALLS ACCEPTED AND INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. J. P. Miller having accepted a call to the Rowan charge, was duly installed on the first Sunday in June, 1895, by myself.

Rev. R. H. Cline having been called to St. Paul's church, Page county, Va., I requested Rev. J. P. Stirewalt to install him as pastor of said church, and was notified by Pastor Stirewalt that he had performed the service.

Rev. D. J. Settlemyre having accepted a call to St. Michael's, Alabama, was duly installed by Pastor D. A. Sox at my request.

Other calls have been extended and accepted, but so far I have heard of no other installations.

I have, during the year, received two reports of the class standing of beneficiary Geo. A. Riser. These both showed commendable progress in his studies. I am sorry that he was forced to be absent from school a while on account of Synod's failure to pay the amount appropriated to him when needed.

I have received no reports from our other beneficiaries.

Early in July, 1895, I received a communication from D. I. Hendrix, Secretary of St. Paul's congregation, Hot Springs county, Ark., notifying me that said congregation had withdrawn from the E. L. Tennessee Synod, with a view of connecting itself with the English Missouri Synod.

About the same time I received a letter from Rev. S. S. Keisler, asking me for a letter of honorable dismissal from the E. L. Tennessee Synod, but as he did not tell me where he was going, and as the President has no authority to give any such letter, I submit his request, together with the letter from the congregation above referred to, for the consideration of Synod; recommending, however, with regard to Rev. S. S. Keisler, that he be notified of the regulation of the E. L. Tennessee Synod in regard to the repayment of the amounts paid to him as a beneficiary; as he fails to comply with the rule requiring him to preach within the Tennessee Synod five years.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That a committee of three pastors and two laymen be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial to the memory of our departed brother, Rev. J. A. Rudisill.

2. That the Synod elect a Secretary of Missions.

3. That as the committee, appointed at last session of Synod, has discharged its duty, and given to the church the report requested, we do take some positive stand on the question of "Election," and thus bring harmony and affiliation among ourselves.

Now praying God's blessing upon us all, and earnestly beseeching his guidance in all the matters and questions for our consideration at this convention of our dear old Synod, I turn over to you the trust committed to my hands for one year.

Fraternally, J. F. MOSER,
PRES. E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

## OFFICERS OF SYNOD FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The following were elected:

Rev. P. C. Wike, President.

Rev. J. P. Miller, Recording Secretary.

Rev. J. C. Moser, Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treasurer.

After a few well chosen remarks, the President elect took his seat.

The following were appointed a Committee on Classification of Papers: Revs. D. I. Offman and G. E. Long.

Synod adjourned till 2 o'clock. Benediction by the President.

## SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod met, President in the chair, roll called.

The presence of the following ministers was noted: Revs. Prof. H. K. G. Doermann, G. R. Wannamacher, C. D. Besch, M. L. Carpenter, B. L. Westenbarger, and J. M. Senter, of the Ohio Synod; Revs. Profs. W. H. T. Dau and R. W. Huebsch of the Missouri Synod; Rev. J. L. Deaton of the Synod of the Northwest.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

*On the State of the Church.*—Revs. W. P. Cline, J. P. Stirewalt, and E. L. Lybrand.

*On President's Report.*—Revs. D. I. Offman, Wm. L. Darr, and Mr. A. Costner.

*On Examination.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. K. Efird, J. A. Cromer, J. C. Moser, J. P. Stirewalt, and E. L. Lybrand.

*On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. D. A. Goodman, S. L. Nease, and A. R. Beck.

*On Unfinished Business.*—Rev. W. P. Cline, Messrs. Elon O. Henkel and A. P. Rhyne.

*On Church Institutions.*—Revs. R. L. Fritz, Jacob Wike, and G. E. Long.

*On Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. J. C. Wessinger, J. J. George, and Mr. Geo. W. Rabb.

*On Application for Absence.*—Revs. R. A. Yoder and J. A. Cromer.

Reports of committee appointed at last convention of Synod to draw up and have published in *Our Church Paper* a declaration of the position of the Tennessee Synod on the doctrine of Election were read, the majority report by Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, and the minority by Rev. A. L. Crouse. Both reports were received and considered, and, after some discussion, the following was offered and adopted in lieu of both:

*Resolved*, That as a substitute for the reports of committee now before the house, this Synod hereby reaffirms her adherence to the Confessions of the Church on the subject of Election.

Immediately after the adoption of the preceding resolution, the following was offered, and, after considerable discussion, adopted by a vote of 52 vs. 23:

On the controverted subject of Election, the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod makes the following declaration:

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the phrase, *in view of faith*, has been commonly used by the soundest theologians of the Lutheran church in speaking of the particular election of individual men; and inasmuch as this Synod has approved and continues to approve this mode of teaching on election by recommending without qualification to our theological students such books as Hutter's Compend, Schmid's Dogmatics, Krauth's Conservative Reformation: therefore this body can not, and does not, by any action here taken, condemn the phrase, *in view of faith;* but on the other hand, we reject the expression, *elected unto faith*, as a phrase peculiar to Calvinistic theology, and prior to the last fifteen years, almost unknown in the past history of the Lutheran church.

The yeas and nays were called for on the preceding resolution, and the vote stands as follows:

YEAS.—J. R. Peterson, J. C. Moser, J. A. Cromer, R. A. Yoder, W. P. Cline, J. P. Price, J. F. Moser, W. L. Darr, J. P. Miller, A. R. Beck, S. L. Nease, J. C. Wessinger, J. J. George, R. L. Fritz, D. Walter Hite, J. S. Wheeler, J. W. Summer, B. D. Wessinger, S. L. Blackwelder, L. J.

Yount, W. C. Corpening, J. L. Bost, G. W. Rabb, F. A. Yoder, Noah Hahn, J. W. Mouser, D. P. Yount, Solomon Rudisill, Jacob Seaboch, Wm. Yoder, Everette Conrad, Washington Beck, Haley Myers, W. A. Beck, W. L. Grimes, M. S. Rudisill, P. M. Rhyne, W. W. Stroup, G. E. C. Pasour, Jacob Jenkins, A. P. Rhyne, J. P. Collins, J. S. Fry, J. S. Goodman, A. Costner, J. S. Lipe, J. C. Hinson, N. P. Efird, Jacob Townsend, H. A. Davis, M. D. Miller, and W. H. Roof—52.

NAYS.—C. H. Bernheim, J. M. Smith, A. L. Crouse, D. A. Goodman, J. K. Efird, D. C. Huffman, D. I. Offman, G. E. Long, J. T. Fogleman, W. W. Fry, E. A. Chapman, M. H. Bolch, C. L. Coon, N. E. Sigman, S. E. Spenser, J. F. Holler, J. A. Yount, M. L. Rudisill, D. Coble, O. B. Sain, J. A. Rice, R. W. Jones, and Elon O. Henkel—23.

Rev. Jacob Wike was excused from voting on the above resolution.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We, the Committee on Credentials, appointed to decide which one of the contesting delegates of St. Paul's church, Catawba county, N. C., shall be seated, after hearing the evidence of a number of witnesses in regard to the condition of affairs in St. Paul's congregation, do hereby make our decision in favor of seating M. D. Miller as a delegate of this body. We therefore recommend that his name be recorded as the legal delegate of St. Paul's congregation.

J. K. EFIRD,
J. S. LIPE,
P. M. RHYNE,
N. P. EFIRD.

The recommendation of committee was sustained, and M. D. Miller seated as delegate.

### CALENDAR ADOPTED FOR THIS CONVENTION.

Business session from 9 o'clock to 11 A. M. Sermon at 11. Recess till 2. Business session from 2 o'clock till adjournment, the hour for adjournment not being fixed.

Synod adjourned. Prayer and benediction by Rev. D. A. Goodman.

## THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 A. M., SEPT. 30.

Synod opened with religious services conducted by Rev. W. L. Darr. President in the chair. Roll called. Minutes of Saturday's sessions read, corrected, and adopted.

At the request of Rev. J. K. Efird, the following resolution was passed:

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. K. Efird be allowed to explain in a foot-note his vote on the resolution relative to the doctrine of Election.

The following resolution was offered:

*Resolved*, That this Synod appoint a committee of five, two ministers and three laymen, namely: Revs. J. K. Efird, J. A. Cromer, and Messrs. A. Costner, H. A. Davis, and W. A. Beck, whose duty it shall be to see and confer with pastors J. M. Smith, C. H. Bernheim, A. L. Crouse, G. E. Long, and D. C. Huffman, who have not been for several years in affiliation, fellowship, and co-operation with this Synod, and ascertain what will be their attitude towards this body in the future, and report to this session of Synod.

The resolution was adopted, and the committee appointed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Secretary, received, and referred to the proper committee.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. A. YODER, TREASURER,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.
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| To amt. of Rev. J. J. George's charge: Sept. 22, 1894, $16.00; June 14, 1895, 10.00 | $ 26 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. W. L. Darr's charge: Sept. 22, '94, $28.91; March 10, '95, 3.00 | 31 91 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. M. Smith's charge: Sept. 22, '94, Minutes | 2 00 |
| To amt. of Rev. J. A. Rudisill's charge: Sept. 22, '94, $38.30; Nov. 5, '94, 2.70; April 4, '95, 5.76; May 22, '95, 3.35 | 50 11 |
| To amt. of Rev. A. R. Beck's charge: Sept. 24, '94, $12.70; June 25, '95, 7.20 | 19 90 |

To amt. of Rev. W. P. Cline's charge: Sept. 24, '94, $10.00; Oct. 5, '94, 5.75; Nov. 26, '94, 1.50; Jan. 7, '95, .80 $18 05
To amt. of Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge: Sept. 24, '94, $41.21; Jan. 4, '95, 2.10 . . . . . 43 31
To amt. of Rev. S. L. Nease's charge: Sept. 24, '94 . . . . . 19 10
To amt. of Rev. J. F. Moser's charge: Sept. 24, '94, $5.00; Feb. 22, '95, 5.00; April 30, '95, 2.67 . . . . . 12 67
To amt. of Rev. S. Henkel's charge: Sept. 24, '94 . . . . . 12 00
To amt. of Rev. G. E. Long, Sept. 24, '94, Ordination Cert. . 25
To amt. of Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Oct. 15, '94, former Treas. 45 44
To amt. of Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge, Oct. 15, '94 . . . . 3 40
To amt. of Rev. J. P. Miller's charge: Oct. 15, '94, $9.50; Jan. 7, '95, 3.00; Aug. 4, '95, 10.00 . . . . . 22 50
To amt. of Rev. R. A. Yoder's charge: Oct 16, '94, $14.50; Nov. 11, '94, 2.73; Dec. 2, '94, 10.00; Dec. 6, '94, 5.60; Mar. 10, '95, 1.86; Aug. 4, '95, 6.00; Sept. 16, '95, 2.00 . . . . . 42 69
To amt. of Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge: Nov. 5, '94, $21.00; April 30, '95, 5.65; May 28, '95, 10.00; July 30, '95, 9.00 . . . . . 45 65
To amt. of Rev. Jacob Wike's charge, Nov. 7, '94 . . . . . 6 50
To amt. of Rev. D. J. Settlemyre's charge, Nov. 20, '94 . . . 15 00
To amt. of Rev. J. G. Schaid's charge, Nov. 26, '94 . . . . . 20 00
To amt. of Rev. S. S. Rahn's charge, Dec. 6, '94 . . . . . 8 00
To amt. of Rev. J. C. Moser's charge: Dec. 13, '94, $10.00; April 4, '95, 23.00; Sept. 13, '95 (St. Paul's) 5.00 38 00
To amt. of Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt's charge: Dec. 13, '94, $7.08; Aug. 29, '94, 5.00 . . . . . 12 08
To amt. of Rev. J. P. Price's charge: Dec. 18, '94, $13.10; Feb. 4, '95, 5.00; May 8, '95, 6.73 . . . . . 24 83
To amt. of Rev. A. L. Bolick's charge, Dec. 29, '94 . . . . . 11 66
To amt. of Rev. P. C. Wike's charge, Aug. 15, '95 . . . . . 5 00
To amt. of Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge, Sept. 16, '95 . . . . . 31 00
To amt. of Rev. W. L. Darr, Pastors' Fund, Sept. 22, '94 . . 2 85
To amt. of Rev. J. G. Schaid, Pastors' Fund, Nov. 26, '94 . . 4 00
To amt. of Mr. H. A. Davis, personal, Jan. 1, '95 . . . . . 5 00
To amt. of Mr. Arthur M. Pence, refunded to Synod, Jan. 4, '95, $5.00; May 13, '95, 20.00 . . . . . 25 00
To amt. of Miss Sarah E. Minnick, personal, April 30, '95 . . 50
To amt. of Mr. Edward Sigman, personal, Nov. 5, '94 . . . . 75

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| By amt. paid Rev. A. L. Crouse, on salary as Theological Professor, Sept. 25, '94, $100.00; Sept. 16, '95, 20.00, | $120 | 00 |
| By amt. paid Henkel & Co., on account for printing Minutes of Synod of 1893, Sept. 26, '94 . . . . . | 25 | 00 |
| By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox, salary as missionary in Ala., for 1892–'93, Sept. 25, '94, $56.00; Oct. 5, '94, 39.99; Nov. 30, '94, 20.00; Dec. 8, '94, 34.00 . . . . . | 149 | 99 |
| By amt. paid Rev. D. A. Sox, salary as missionary in Ala., for 1893–'94, Jan. 7, '95, $17.00; April 25, '95, 30.00; July 8, '95, 15.00; Aug. 6, '95, 25.00 . . . . . | 87 | 00 |
| By amt. paid Rev. S. S. Keisler, on bal. due him by appropriation of 1893, Sept. 27, '94, $10.00; Oct. 5, '94, in full, 60.00 . . . . . | 70 | 00 |
| By amt. paid Mr. E. J. Sox, bal. in full of appropriation of 1893, Nov. 22, '94 . . . . . | 20 | 00 |
| By amt. paid Mr. J. L. Cromer, bal. in full of appropriation of 1893, Jan. 4, '95 . . . . . | 39 | 55 |
| By amt. paid Mr. E. J. Sox, on appr. 1894, May 24, '95 . . . | 30 | 00 |
| By amt. paid Mr. G. A. Riser, on appro. 1894, June 1, '95 . . | 24 | 00 |
| By amt. paid Mr. E. J. Sox, in full of appro. 1894, Sept. 19, '95 | 20 | 00 |
| By amt. paid Mr. J. L. Cromer, on appro. for 1894, Sept. 19, '95 | 9 | 50 |
| By amt. paid for postage and exchange on checks, various items, Sept. 19, '95 . . . . . | 1 | 12 |
| By amt. of cash on hand, belonging to the fund for aged and infirm pastors, Sept. 19, '95 . . . . . | 8 | 99 |
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The obligations of Synod, as yet unpaid, are as follows:

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| To Rev. A. L. Crouse, on salary . . . . . | $80 00 |
| To Rev. D. A. Sox, on salary . . . . . | 18 01 |
| To Henkel & Co., bal. on printing Minutes 1893 . | 28 20 |
| To Henkel & Co., printing Minutes 1894 . . . . | 68 10 |
| To Mr. G. A. Riser, on appropriation 1894 . . . . | 36 00 |
| To Mr. J. L. Cromer, on appropriation 1894 . . . | 20 50 |
| To Rev. A. L. Crouse, ¾ month Theo. Professor | 25 00 |
| To Rev. A. L. Crouse, printing 200 paroch. blanks | 2 00 |

R. A. YODER, TREASURER
E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Since closing the above report, the following amounts have been received:

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| To amt. of balance above reported | | $ 8 99 |
| Sept. 28. | To amt. of Rev. J. P. Miller's charge: St. Mark's, $5.00; Mt. Moriah, $5.00 | 10 00 |
| " | Rev. F. C. Oberly's charge: St. Mark's | 5 00 |
| " | Rev. J. F. Moser's charge: Lincolnton, $4.40; Mt. Holly, $8.50 | 12 90 |
| " | Rec'd of Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, for the fund for aged and infirm ministers | 5 00 |
| " | Rev. J. J. George's pastorate: Aged and infirm ministers' fund, $5.70; Syn. Fund, St. John's $5.00 | 10 70 |
| " | Rev. W. P. Cline's charge: St. Martin's, $3.00; Mt. Olive, $10.00 | 13 00 |
| " | Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge | 30 00 |
| " | Rev. W. L. Darr's charge: Bethlehem | 6 50 |
| " | Rev. J. L. Cromer's charge: Shiloh, $6.00; St. Timothy, $6.08 | 12 08 |
| " | Rev. J. C. Moser's charge: Zion, $5.00; Holy Trinity, $10.00 | 15 00 |
| " | Rev. A. R. Beck's charge: New Jerusalem, $1.20; Holly Grove, $1.35; Emmanuel, $1.80; Pilgrim's, $2.90; Beck's, $1.37 | 8 62 |
| " | Rev. L. A. Bikle's charge: St. Mark's | 2 00 |
| | Total amount on hand | 139 79 |
| | Total amount of Pastors' Fund | 19 69 |
| | Total amount in general treasury | $120 10 |

R. A. YODER, TREASURER
E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

The following resolution passed:

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. M. Smith be credited with $13.00 paid Rev. D. A. Sox, missionary in Alabama, sometime in the fall of 1894, and that Rev. Sox be charged with the same.

By motion, Rev. W. A. Lutz, Corresponding Delegate from the North Carolina Synod, was received. He made an address conveying fraternal greetings from the North Carolina Synod to this body. The President made a short response.

Report of Committee on President's Report was read and received for consideration by items:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, the committee appointed on President's Report, submit the following: We find the report well prepared. It shows that he has had a diligent watch over the general work of the Synod, and deserves credit for the faithful discharge of his duty.

1. In regard to Rev. S. S. Keisler, we recommend that the Treasurer investigate his case, and if he withdraw from Synod, he request Rev. Keisler to refund the amounts received from Synod, as a beneficiary, because of a failure to comply with Synod's regulation.

2. The President calls attention to the death of Rev. J. A. Rudisill, and recommends that a committee of three pastors be appointed to draft suitable resolutions to his memory. We recommend that this be done.

3. We recommend that the President's recommendation as to Synod's appointing a Secretary of Missions, be sustained, and that such officer be elected, provided Synod can raise the means.

4. In reference to the President's recommendation as to taking a decided position on the report of the committee to prepare the Synod's position on Election, we deem any recommendation from this committee as unnecessary as Synod has already taken action on report of the committee.

D. I. OFFMAN,
WM. L. DARR,
A. COSTNER.

Item 1. Recommendation sustained.

Item 2. Recommendation sustained, and the following committee appointed: Revs. J. C. Wessinger, W. P. Cline, and J. A. Cromer.

Item 3. Recommendation sustained, and the following resolution adopted:

### SECRETARY OF MISSIONS.

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of Revs. J. F. Moser, R. A. Yoder, and J. P. Miller, be appointed to secure, if possible, a suitable man as Secretary of Missions for this Synod; and if in their judgment such Secretary can be sustained, that this committee be empowered to secure his services, and put him in the field.

Item 4. No action necessary.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Time for divine service had arrived, but by vote of Synod the regular calendar was suspended, and preaching postponed till tonight.

The following report was read and received for consideration item by item:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to report that the following papers, addressed to Synod, have been placed into our hands:

### I. PETITIONS PRAYING FOR ORDINATION.

*A*, *B*, and *C* are petitions from St. Timothy, Shiloh, and Philadelphia congregations, North Carolina, praying for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of candidate J. L. Cromer, who is now serving them. We recommend that the petitions be granted.

*D* is a petition from St. John's congregation, South Carolina, praying for the examination, and, if qualified, the ordination of candidate W. H. Roof, who is now serving them. We recommend that the petition be granted.

*E* is a petition from Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, and St. James's congregations, South Carolina, praying for the examination, and, if qualified, the ordination of candidate E. J. Sox, whom they have called, to take effect as soon as the present school year ends. We recommend that the petition be granted.

### II. PETITIONS OF CONGREGATIONS PRAYING TO BE RECEIVED INTO THIS SYNOD.

*A* is a petition from Lebanon congregation, Davidson county, North Carolina, stating that they have adopted the constitution recommended by the North Carolina Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, asking to be received into connection with this Synod. We recommend that this petition be granted.

*B* is a petition from St. Martin's congregation, Maiden, North Carolina, stating that they have adopted the constitution recommended by the North Carolina Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, asking to be received into connection with this Synod. We recommend that this petition be granted.

### III. PETITIONS FROM CONGREGATIONS PRAYING FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM SYNOD.

*A* is a petition from Holy Trinity E. L. church, Little Mountain, South Carolina, asking to be released from further connection with this Synod. We recommend that the petition be granted, and that it be read before Synod.

*B* is a letter from St. Paul's congregation, Hot Springs county, Arkansas, stating that they deem it best now to withdraw from the Synod, in order to unite with the English Missouri Synod. We recommend that Synod advise said congregation against such action.

IV. LETTERS ASKING SYNOD FOR APPROPRIATIONS.

*A* is a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, Edwardsville, Alabama, stating that his expenses for traveling, etc., exceed the amount received from the Sunday-schools by $60.00, and asks for an appropriation by Synod to the amount of $50.00. We recommend that Synod do not make such appropriation.

*B* is a letter from student H. A. Costner, seeking aid from this Synod in preparing for the ministry. We recommend that his letter be placed into the hands of the Examining Committee.

*C* is a letter from student Geo. A. Riser, Newberry, S. C., asking for an appropriation of $75.00 for this year. We recommend that this appropriation be made.

V. LETTERS FROM PASTORS ASKING TO BE EXCUSED.

*A* is a letter from Prof. J. S. Koiner, stating that he is unable to attend Synod for lack of means. We recommend that he be excused.

*B* is a letter from Dr. S. S. Rahn, in which he states that, owing to the want of funds, he is not able to attend Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

*C* is a letter from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, asking Synod to excuse his absence. He claims as excuses lack of funds and church work. We recommend that he be not excused.

*D* is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, asking Synod to excuse him. He states that his feeble health would not justify his attending Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

*E* is a letter from Rev. A. L. Boliek, stating that for want of funds and on account of distance he cannot attend this convention of Synod, and asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

*F* is a letter from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, stating that on account of ill health and want of funds he is unable to attend Synod, and asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

*G* is a letter from Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., stating that on account of feeble health he is unable to attend this meeting of Synod, and asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

*A* is a petition from Rev. S. L. Nease, asking for a letter of transfer to the South Carolina Synod. We recommend that the letter of transfer be granted.

*B* is a petition from Rev. S. S. Keisler, asking for an honorable dismissal from this Synod. We recommend that his request be not granted.

*C* is a petition from St. Matthew's congregation, Shenandoah county, Va., praying this Synod to hold its next annual convention with said congregation. We recommend that Synod accept the invitation.

*D* is a letter from Hon. H. A. Meetze relative to the seventy-fifth anniversary of this Synod. No action necessary.

*E* is a letter from Rev. J. J. George, asking that while his apportionment was $25.00, yet since he served only one of the churches and raised $15.00 of the amount, his church be recognized as having raised her full apportionment. We recommend that it be so regarded.

Item 1 (a, b, c, d, and e). Recommendations sustained.

Further consideration of this report was postponed, and the following report was read, received, and considered item by item:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submit the following report:

1. On page 19, we find that a committee was appointed to formulate and publish a declaration of the position of the Tennessee Synod on the doctrine of Election. Has this committee performed its duty?

2. On page 22, we find a resolution requiring pastors to contribute to the fund for the aid of aged and infirm pastors. Have the pastors complied with this resolution?

3. On pages 26 and 27, we find that delegates were elected to attend the next convention of the United Synod. Did these brethren perform that duty?

4. On page 29, we find that Rev. J. C. Moser was requested to furnish a copy of his Ordination Sermon for publication. Did he do this?

5. On page 24, we find that the committee appointed at the convention of Synod in 1893, to confer with the trustees of Lenoir College, was continued. Is that committee ready to report?

6. On page 23, we find that a committee was continued to formulate a plan for church extension. Has the committee performed this duty?

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. CLINE,
A. P. RHYNE,
ELON O. HENKEL.

Item 1. Yes.

Item 2. Complied with by a small minority of the pastors.

Item 3. Complied with by a very small minority.

Item 4. Not complied with.

Item 5. Action deferred.

Item 6. Complied with, and paper to be returned to committee with instructions to the same to report at next convention of Synod.

During the morning session the following delegates arrived: D. F. Efird from Zion church, South Carolina, and Q. M. Smith from St. Peter's, Catawba county, N. C.

Synod adjourned till 1.30 o'clock P. M. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Moser.

## FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30—1.30 P. M.

Synod having assembled, the Secretary called the roll.

By action of Synod, R. E. Deal was received as delegate from Friendship, Alexander county, N. C., to take the place of W. W. Fry.

### RESOLUTION FIXING TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION.

*Resolved*, That when this convention of Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Saturday, 10 A. M., before the fourth Sunday in August, 1896.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

We have examined the Treasurer's Report and vouchers, and find everything correct.

J. C. WESSINGER,
J. J. GEORGE,
G. W. RABB.

Rev. J. M. Smith read a protest, signed by himself and others, against the action of Synod relative to the doctrine of Election. The Chairman ruled that this protest appear in the Minutes without any further action of Synod. Ap-

peal from the Chair's ruling was made and carried by a vote of 49 vs. 20. It was the voice of Synod that owing to the nature of the protest it should not appear in the Minutes.

The yeas and the nays were called for on the preceding question, and the following is the result:

YEAS (i. e., that the Chair's ruling be sustained).—C. H. Bernheim, J. M. Smith, A. L. Crouse, J. K. Efird, D. C. Huffman, D. I. Offman, Jacob Wike, G. E. Long, J. T. Fogleman, M. H. Bolch, C. L. Coon, N. E. Sigman, S. E. Spenser, J. F. Holler, D. Coble, O. B. Sain, J. A. Rice, R. W. Jones, Elon O. Henkel, and Q. M. Smith—20.

NAYS (i. e., that the Chair's ruling be not sustained).—J. R. Peterson, J. C. Moser, J. A. Cromer, R. A. Yoder, W. P. Cline, J. P. Price, J. F. Moser, W. L. Darr, J. P. Miller, J. C. Wessinger, J. J. George, R. L. Fritz, D. Walter Hite, J. S. Wheeler, J. W. Summer, B. D. Wessinger, L. J. Yount, W. C. Corpening, G. W. Rabb, F. A. Yoder, Noah Hahn, J. W. Mouser, D. P. Yount, Jacob Seaboch, Wm. Yoder, Everette Conrad, Washington Beck, Haley Myers, W. A. Beck, W. L. Grimes, M. S. Rudisill, P. M. Rhyne, W. W. Stroup, M. L. Rudisill, G. E. C. Pasour, Jacob Jenkins, A. P. Rhyne, J. P. Collins, J. S. Fry, J. S. Goodman, A. Costner, J. S. Lipe, J. C. Hinson, N. P. Efird, Jacob Townsend, H. A. Davis, M. D. Miller, W. H. Roof, and D. F. Efird—49.

J. A. Yount and R. E. Deal were excused from voting on the preceding question.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS NOT IN AFFILIATION WITH SYNOD.

We, your committee, appointed to hold a consultation with Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. M. Smith, C. H. Bernheim, D. C. Huffman, and G. E. Long, beg leave to submit the following: We have met the brethren and heard their statement in regard to the existing differences on Election. We are sorry to say to this Synod that they declare their

unwillingness and positive refusal to commune or in any way co-operate with this body under the present condition of affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. EFIRD,
J. A. CROMER,
H. A. DAVIS,
A. COSTNER,
W. A. BECK.

The above report was received for consideration. Pending the consideration of the same, Synod adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. P. Miller.

## FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 A. M., OCT. 1.

Synod opened with divine service, conducted by Rev. J. P. Price. President in chair, roll called, and minutes of yesterday's sessions read, corrected, and adopted.

Synod resumed the consideration of report before the house on adjournment of previous session.

Relative to report of committee under consideration, the following resolution was offered, and, after some discussion, was adopted by a vote of 51 vs. 16:

### RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO MINISTERS NOT IN AFFILIATION WITH SYNOD.

WHEREAS, We have just heard through the committee, appointed to confer with them, that Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. M. Smith, C. H. Bernheim, D. C. Huffman, and G. E. Long have positively refused to fellowship and co-operate with this Synod, it is with regret that we are compelled to recognize the fact that these pastors have, by their own action, placed themselves in an abnormal relation to this body; we, therefore, in view of this fact, earnestly invite them to return to fellowship and co-operation with the Synod; and until they shall have done so, it is the sense of this body, that they can have no voice in the transaction of this Synod.

The yeas and the nays on this resolution were called for.

YEAS.—J. R. Peterson, J. C. Moser, J. A. Cromer, R. A. Yoder, D. A. Goodman, W. P. Cline, J. K. Efird, J. P. Price, J. F. Moser, W. L. Darr, J. P. Miller, A. R. Beck,

S. L. Nease, J. C. Wessinger, J. J. George, R. L. Fritz, D. Walter Hite, J. S. Wheeler, J. W. Summer, B. D. Wessinger, L. J. Yount, W. C. Corpening, M. H. Bolch, G. W. Rabb, F. A. Yoder, Noah Hahn, J. W. Mouser, D. P. Yount, Jacob Seaboch, Wm. Yoder, Everette Conrad, Washington Beck, Haley Myers, W. A. Beck, W. L. Grimes, W. W. Stroup, M. L. Rudisill, G. E. C. Pasour, A. P. Rhyne, J. P. Collins, J. S. Fry, O. B. Sain, J. S. Goodman, A. Costner, J. S. Lipe, J. C. Hinson, N. P. Efird, Jacob Townsend, H. A. Davis, W. H. Roof, and D. F. Efird—51.

NAYS.—C. H. Bernheim, J. M. Smith, A. L. Crouse, D. C. Huffman, D. I. Offman, G. E. Long, J. T. Fogleman, R. E. Deal, C. L. Coon, N. E. Sigman, S. E. Spenser, D. Coble, J. A. Rice, R. W. Jones, Elon O. Henkel, and Q. M. Smith—16.

The following report was adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

We, your Committee on Examination, report that candidates J. L. Cromer, E. J. Sox, and W. H. Roof, who have received calls to the office of pastor with petitions for their services, have appeared before us, and have been examined with reference to their qualifications to bear the office of pastor; and we, having found them qualified, recommend their ordination at the hands of this body.

J. R. PETERSON,
J. C. MOSER,
J. A. CROMER,
J. K. EFIRD.

Regular calendar again suspended, and preaching postponed till tonight.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions was again taken up, beginning with item 2.

Item 2 (a and b). Recommendations sustained.

M. R. Bost was received as delegate from St. Martin's, Maiden, N. C.

Item 3 (a). Relative to this item,

*Resolved*, That in view of the correspondence we advise this congregation to continue its connection with the Tennessee Synod.

Item 3 (b). Recommendation sustained.

Pending the further consideration of this report, Synod adjourned till 1.30 P. M. Benediction by Rev. J. K. Efird.

## SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1—1.30 P. M.

President in chair, roll called, and minutes of previous session read and adopted.

Consideration of Report on Letters and Petitions was continued.

Item 4 (a, b, and c). Recommendations sustained.

Item 5 (a, b, c, d, e, f, and g). Recommendations sustained.

Item 6 (a, b, c, and d). Recommendations sustained.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Action relative to item 5 of Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was deferred. In answer to this item the following report was made:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE TRUSTEES OF LENOIR COLLEGE.

We, your committee, appointed two years ago, and continued a year ago, to confer with the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College, with a view of bringing it into closer relation with our Synod, beg leave to submit that we have conferred with the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College, and have received the following overtures, which we submit. We recommend that Synod accept the proposition of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. CROMER.

The report was adopted, the recommendation of the same was sustained, and the following overtures of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College were accepted:

## ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

In order to effect and maintain permanent relations between Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod; it is agreed to by the parties as follows:—On the part of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College, party of the first part, that in consideration of the moral and financial support of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and to promote the educational interest of the church in her connection, and for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom, the said Board of Trustees of Lenoir College agree that they will grant the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, party of the second part, the right to nominate seven additional members to the present six members of the Board of Trustees of said College, who shall be elected by said Board; and further the said Synod shall have the right any time hereafter, to nominate a member to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board, and the member so nominated shall be elected by the Board for such vacancy: Provided however if at any time a vacancy should occur, and the Synod should fail to make a nomination within 18 months after such vacancy should occur, the Board proceed to nominate and elect a member to fill such vacancy: said action to be subject to the approval of the said Synod at its next meeting after such action on the part of the Board.

The Board agrees further that it will report through its president to each regular convention of Synod; this report to include a full statement of the condition of the school, moral, financial, &c.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, party of the second part, in consideration of the aforesaid rights and privileges granted them by the party of the first part, and to carry out the laudable object set forth herein, agrees to give the said College her hearty moral and financial support.

(Signed President of Board.) J. C. MOSER, PRES. OF BOARD.

(Signed President of E. L. Tennessee Synod.)

P. C. WIKE, PRES. OF SYNOD.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate seven additional members for the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College: Revs. R. A. Yoder, J. A. Cromer, and D. I. Offman.

## REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO MR. M. L. PENCE'S APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIARY AID.

We, your Committee on Examination, have conferred with Mr. M. L. Pence, an applicant for beneficiary aid, and being satisfied as to his

motives and qualifications, we recommend that this Synod receive him as a beneficiary, and make an appropriation of $100 for his benefit.

J. R. PETERSON,
J. C. MOSER,
J. K. EFIRD,
J. A. CROMER.

Beneficiary E. J. Sox was appropriated $50 for this year.

The names of W. J. Boger and E. L. Wessinger, both now in the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and J. C. Dietz of Hickory, N. C., were ordered to be placed upon the roll of candidates for the ministry.

Mr. A. Luther Fritz, who desires beneficiary aid, was referred to Examining Committee, and, if he sustains a satisfactory examination, he is to receive the $50 beneficiary asked for.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF LENOIR COLLEGE.

We, your committee, appointed to recommend names to be nominated by this Synod for members of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College, present the following names: A. P. Rhyne, Mt. Holly, N. C.; Hon. A. Costner, Lincolnton, N. C.; Hon. C. M. Efird, Lexington, S. C.; W. A. Beck, McKee, N. C.; J. M. Rhodes, Cherryville, N. C.; J. S. Lipe, China Grove, N. C.; H. A. Davis, Brookside, N. C.

The report was adopted, and the names recommended by the committee were nominated.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

There are within the bounds of our Synod a goodly number of schools, under the care of our pastors and people. As we have received no information from these separate schools except Cherryville Academy, we can say very little as to their present condition. Several of our beneficiaries are now in school in Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C. This school is now in a very prosperous condition. A goodly number of students are in attendance, and the college classes are fuller than in any previous term. We learn that Prof. Yoder is teaching theology. We recommend that Synod make some provision for having her candidates for the ministry instructed in theology.

The principal of Cherryville Academy reports that this school is

now in very good condition, and is constantly increasing in favor and numbers. R. L. FRITZ.

*Resolved*, That Synod appoint a committee of two ministers and one layman to formulate a plan to carry out the recommendation of Committee on Church Institutions relative to theological instruction.

The following are the committee: Revs. W. L. Darr, J. K. Efird, and Mr. Wm. Yoder.

## RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO CONGREGATIONS HAVING PASTORS NOT IN AFFILIATION WITH SYNOD.

WHEREAS, Certain congregations in connection with this Synod have pastors who neither affiliate nor co-operate with the Synod; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend that such congregations dismiss said pastors and call others who will affiliate and co-operate with us.

The preceding report was adopted.

The report of the committee on the death of Rev. J. A. Rudisill was adopted by standing vote, as follows:

## IN MEMORIAM.

## REV. J. A. RUDISILL.

WHEREAS, The Great Head of the Church, whose judgments are unsearchable and whose ways past finding out, in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our beloved brother, Rev. J. A. Rudisill, and taken him from his great and arduous work in the church militant to his rewards in the glorious church triumphant; and,

WHEREAS, In all the dealings of Providence, it is the becoming duty of his people to acknowledge the hand of God: be it, therefore,

*Resolved 1.* That while we greatly deplore and lament the early death of this worthy minister of the Gospel, our co-worker in the Lord's vineyard, yet we humbly submit and bow to this dispensation of the good providence of God.

*Resolved 2.* That in the death of Brother Rudisill, this Synod has lost a faithful and active member, one who always contended for her faith, and labored assiduously for her advancement.

*Resolved 3.* That the congregations served by him have lost an earnest, efficient, and greatly beloved pastor.

*Resolved 4.* That his family is bereft of a good, faithful, and devoted husband, an affectionate and loving father.

*Resolved 5.* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and that one page of the Minutes of Synod be devoted to his memory, and these resolutions be spread upon it.

J. C. WESSINGER,
W. P. CLINE,
J. A. CROMER.

Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. C. Moser.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M., OCT. 2.

Synod was opened with religious services by Rev. D. I. Offman. The Secretary read minutes of preceding session, which were corrected and adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted :

*Resolved*, That we hereby recognize our obligation to the members and friends of St. Andrew's, Holy Trinity, St. Stephen's, and Mt. Olive congregations for their kindness and hospitality during the sessions of the Ministerial Colloquium and Synod, and return our hearty thanks for the same.

It was moved and carried that the Report of Committee on State of the Church be omitted, owing to absence of committee.

The following report was read and adopted :

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTION.

We, your committee appointed to formulate a plan for Theological Instruction in Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., during the present synodical year, would recommend,

1. That Rev. R. A. Yoder be directed to give instruction to theological students, devoting one-third of his time to such instruction.

2. That he be paid by Synod $150 for such services ; or a proportionate amount, should less time be given to said work.

WM. L. DARR,
J. K. EFIRD,
WM. YODER.

The following note was ordered to be appended to the preceding resolution :

*Resolved*, That the friends of this work be earnestly invited to make special contributions thereto.

The following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay all obligations of Synod *pro rata*, except the claims of Henkel & Co. and Rev. A. L. Crouse for the year 1893, these to be paid first.

The following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Synod hereby returns its thanks to Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder for his gratuitous service in teaching theology in Lenoir College during the last year.

The Secretary was instructed by Synod to incorporate in Standing Resolutions of Synod the resolution relative to the doctrine of Election, and the articles of agreement between the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College and this Synod.

The following resolution was adopted and ordered to be placed on the list of Standing Resolutions :

*Resolved*, That this Synod recommend to her pastors that they devote their entire time and energy to the work of the ministry, and call upon their people to give them such support as will make it unnecessary for them to engage in other professions.

Another line was ordered to be added in the parochial reports for *restoration*, immediately after that for *expulsions*.

The following resolution was passed :

*Resolved*, That it be made the duty of the chairmen of the different Mission Boards to send in parochial reports for the vacant congregations within their bounds.

A letter was read from Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of Board of Missions of the United Synod. Relative to contents of letter no action was taken, except the following in regard to our Alabama Mission :

*Resolved*, That we refer our Alabama Mission to the Board of Missions of the United Synod, and that we hereby ask our people to aid in its support.

The following corresponding delegates were elected to attend the next convention of the various synods, respectively :

*The North Carolina Synod*—Rev. J. P. Miller ; alternate, Rev. R. A. Yoder.

*The South Carolina Synod*—Rev. J. A. Cromer ; alternate, Wm. L. Darr.

*The Virginia Synod*—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt; alternate, Rev. R. H. Cline.

By action of Synod, it has been made the duty of Rev. J. C. Moser, with Rev. J. P. Stirewalt as alternate, to preach the Ordination Sermon at next convention of Synod, if such is needed.

The following resolution was adopted, and the Secretary instructed to have it placed among the Standing Resolutions of Synod:

*Resolved*, That the President of Synod, in connection with the pastor of the congregation in which Synod is to meet, select subjects and speakers for special sermons to be preached at the next annual convention, and that a statement of their selection be placed on the pages of our Minutes, in connection with the announcement of time and place of next convention.

In compliance with request of preceding resolution, Rev. P. C. Wike, President of Synod, and also pastor of congregation in which next convention is to meet, made the following selection:

*Sacramental Sermon*—Rev. R. A. Yoder; alternate, Rev. D. I. Offman.

*On Christian Beneficence*—Rev. J. P. Miller; alternate, Rev. J. J. George.

On last night the candidates for ordination recommended by the Examining Committee, viz., J. L. Cromer, E. J. Sox, and W. H. Roof, were duly ordained to the office of the holy ministry by the officers of Synod. The Ordination Sermon was preached by Rev. J. K. Efird.

As Synod's appropriations are scattered throughout the pages of the Minutes, the following summary is made:

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| M. L. Pence, Beneficiary | $100.00 |
| E. J. Sox, Beneficiary | 50.00 |
| George A. Riser, Beneficiary | 75.00 |
| Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Theological Instructor. | 150.00 |

## THE COLLOQUIUM.

According to arrangement of last convention of Synod, a colloquium of the ministers of the Tennessee Synod, to consider the doctrine of Election, was held on Thursday and Friday before opening of Synod on Saturday. Only the ministers of the Tennessee Synod were allowed to take part in the discussion, but the public generally were admitted as auditors.

The subject was discussed at some length on both sides, but no agreement was effected.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place already selected. Religious services conducted by the President, using the service for closing Synod given in the new edition of the Church Book.

J. P. MILLER,
SECRETARY.

## SERMONS PREACHED.

Opening Sermon—Rev. J. F. Moser; Saturday, 10 A. M.; St. John 17, 21. (Commencement Hall.)

Saturday, 7 P. M.—Rev. J. A. Cromer; St. Luke 19, 10. (St. Andrew's.)

Sunday, 10½ A. M.—Rev. P. C. Wike; The Lord's Supper; 1 Cor. 11, 17–25. (Commencement Hall.)

Sunday, 7 P. M.—Rev. W. A. Lutz; Eph. 2, 18. (Commencement Hall.)

Sunday, 7 P. M.—Rev. W. L. Darr; Ps. 27, 4. (Holy Trinity.)

Sunday, 7 P. M.—Rev. J. J. George; Matt. 5, 1–11. (Methodist church.)

Sunday, 3 P. M.—Rev. J. A. Cromer; St. Luke 19, 10. (St. Timothy's.)

Monday, 7 P. M.—Rev. A. R. Beck; 1 Pet. 4, 10. (Commencement Hall.)

Tuesday, 7 P. M.—Rev. J. K. Efird; 2 Chron. 31, 20, 21. (Commencement Hall.)

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

### OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Report of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

## LIST OF CHURCHES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

### ALABAMA.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.—St. Michael, Emmanuel.
CALHOUN COUNTY.—Zion.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

LEXINGTON COUNTY.—Zion, St. Peter (M.), St. Paul, Cedar Grove, St. James, Immanuel, St. Peter (P. W.), St. John, St. Jacob, Bethlehem, St. Thomas, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Tabor, St. John.
RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.
ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem, Shiloh, St. Paul.
BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.
CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Trinity.

CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Mt. Gilead.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel, St. Timothy, Mt. Olive, St. Andrew, St. Martin.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem, Holly Grove, Lebanon.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

IREDELL COUNTY.—Sharon, St. Martin, St. John.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Daniel, Trinity, Salem, Bethphage, St. Luke, Sharon, Cedar Grove, and David's Chapel.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.—Morning Star.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

ROWAN COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, St. Mark.

STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin, Zion.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel, St. Luke.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant, Friendship.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John, Bethel, St. Paul.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Bethel.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. Luke (Alma), Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY.—Emmanuel, Mt. Zion, Solomon, St. Mary (Pine), Powder Springs, St. Paul, St. Jacob, Zion, St. Matthew, St. Stephen, St. David, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star.

MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

CULPEPER COUNTY.—Trinity.

Total, 116.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved 1.* That each of our pastors is required to present to his people the educational and missionary work of Synod, to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, to take up in each of his congregations collections for the general work of the Church, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod; and that in the case of pastors failing to do this, inquiry shall be made, and unless satisfactory

reasons be rendered, such pastor, after the first and second admonition, may be subject to the censure of this Synod.

*Resolved 2.* That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

*Resolved 3.* That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

*Resolved 4.* That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday-schools in all of their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 5.* That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort, during the synodical year, to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 6.* That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

*Resolved 7.* That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

*Resolved 8.* That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

*Resolved 9.* That hereafter the expenses of corresponding delegates to sister Synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

*Resolved 10.* That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our ministers to ask their congregations to defray their expenses in attending the meetings of our Synod.

*Resolved 11.* That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent, be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod.

*Resolved 12.* That the Mission Work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

*Resolved 13.* That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

*Resolved 14.* That the chairmen of the Executive Committee of Missions in our Conferences be, and are hereby, required to report annually to Synod a full, written report of the Missionary work of their bodies during the year.

*Resolved 15.* That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Board of Missions.

*Resolved 16.* That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

WHEREAS, It is meet and right that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it

*Resolved 17.* That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and, if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further

*Resolved 18.* That it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

*Resolved 19.* That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, consulting with the *pastor loci*, to arrange for the Sunday-school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting sub-

jects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

*Resolved 20.* That the President and Secretary of this Synod be hereafter the Standing Board of Missions.

*Resolved 21.* That inasmuch as the phrase, *in view of faith*, has been commonly used by the soundest theologians in the Lutheran church in speaking of the particular election of individual men ; and inasmuch as this Synod has approved and continues to approve this mode of teaching on election by recommending without qualification to our theological students such books as Hutter's Compend, Schmid's Dogmatics, Krauth's Conservative Reformation : therefore this body can not, and does not, by any action here taken, condemn the phrase, *in view of faith ;* but on the other hand, we reject the expression, *elected unto faith*, as a phrase peculiar to Calvinistic theology, and prior to the last fifteen years, almost unknown in the past history of the Lutheran church.

*Resolved 22.* That this Synod recommend to her pastors that they devote their entire time and energy to the work of the ministry, and call upon their people to give them such support as will make it unnecessary for them to engage in other professions.

*Resolved 23.* That the President of Synod, in connection with the pastor of the congregation in which Synod is to meet, select subjects and speakers for special sermons to be preached at the next annual convention, and that a statement of their selection be placed on the pages of our Minutes, in connection with the announcement of time and place of next convention.

*Resolved 24.* In order to effect and maintain permanent relations between Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, it is agreed to by the parties as follows :—On the part of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College, party of the first part, that in consideration of the moral and financial support of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and to promote the educational interest of the church in her connection, and for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom, the said Board of Trustees of Lenoir College agree that they will grant the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, party of the second part, the right to nominate seven additional members to the present six members of the Board of Trustees of said College, who shall be elected by said Board ; and further the said Synod shall have the right any time hereafter, to nominate a member to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board, and the member so nominated shall be elected by the Board for such vacancy : Provided however if at any time a vacancy should occur, and the Synod should fail to

make a nomination within 18 months after such vacancy should occur, the Board proceed to nominate and elect a member to fill such vacancy : said action to be subject to the approval of the said Synod at its next meeting after such action on the part of the Board.

The Board agrees further that it will report through its president to each regular convention of Synod ; this report to include a full statement of the condition of the school, moral, financial, &c.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, party of the second part, in consideration of the aforesaid rights and privileges granted them by the party of the first part, and to carry out the laudable object set forth herein, agrees to give the said College her hearty moral and financial support.

# PAROCHIAL REPORT.

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| W. P. Cline | 1881 | 5 | 255 | 377 | . | 20 | 16 | 2 | . | 2 | . | 2 | 8 | 112 | 13 00 | 10 00 | 225 00 | 800 00 | . . | 50 | . . . |
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| F. C. Oberly | 1892 | 1 | 68 | . . . | 3 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | . | 1 | 7 | 85 | 5 00 | 17 58 | . . . | 8 25 | . . | 36 | . . . |
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| J. J. George | 1893 | 1 | 134 | 234 | . | 15 | 2 | . | . | 3 | . | 1 | 6 | 75 | 15 00 | 22 75 | 222 85 | 10 00 | . . | 50 | 5 70 |
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*No charge. The above is only a partial summary, as some ministers failed to report at all and others reported but not in full. This table is therefore very inaccurate, specially so relative to Synodical Fund and Conference Missions. Our three conferences are all doing much mission work that is not credited in reports. The aggregate of amounts thus expended will reach $1200 or $1500. The following did not report: J. M. Smith, L. A. Bikle, J. I. Miller, A. L. Crouse, J. W. Hausenfluck, D. J. Settlemyre, and G. E. Long.

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